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MISANO RIDGE

SANT ANGELO IN SALUTE

FOSSO VECCHIO

ITALY 1944-45

GRONINGEN

BAD ZWISCHENAHN

NORTH WEST EUROPE 1945

Those underlined are inscribed on the Regimental Guidon.

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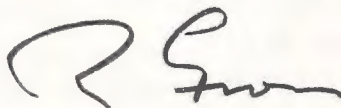
COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

On the 13th of June the Regiment will parade for probably the last time in CFB Gagetown. At the same time, some 4000 miles away in Fort Beausejour, Iserlohn, Germany, members of LdSH(RC) will take down their shoulder titles and Corps badges, replace them with those of The Royal Canadian Dragoons, and prepare for another parade under a new commanding officer. On the 16th of June the Regiment will be relocated in Germany. A similar scene will be repeated in Camp Wainwright by the Fort Garry Horse who will on disbandment retire their flashes and badges in favour of those of LdSH(RC). These events affecting the Regiment and the Corps represent the final act of a drama that began in September 1969 with an announcement by the MND that the Forces would be restructured.

A Regiment is born by the stroke of a pen but it can only grow in stature and prosper because of soldiers who nourish and feed it and lead it and care for it. The events of the last nine months have convinced me you are such soldiers. You can look with pride on your contribution to the fall Combat Team Commanders Course and Staff College Demonstration, flyover training with LdSH(RC) from Aug to Nov, trades training from Jan to Mar, the excellent results of the MTI and Commander's Inspection and now the complete involvement of the Regiment in yet another Combat Team Commanders Course. These tasks have tested your professional skill, endurance and tolerance.

What of the future? On the 16th of June when the Regiment title moves to Germany, many of you will rebadge to 8CH and form "C" Squadron, Gagetown. Many of you will have an opportunity to once again serve the Regiment in Germany with rotation in 1971. Some of you, like myself, will be posted elsewhere. These events will not only severely test you as soldiers but will also be the most serious challenge to date for the regimental system.

I am convinced you will meet this challenge just as you have met other challenges in the past because you are members of a Corps whose link symbolically is the black beret and whose strength is founded on professionalism.



R.D. Gross  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding The Royal Canadian Dragoons

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OUTGOING COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Commanding Officers come and Commanding Officers go. As I go, I cannot help but think about the late MGEN Worthington's comments to me as we talked in his hospital room two years ago. Worthy loved the Corps and the soldiers in it. He said, "A CO does not command his Regiment, the Regiment commands him." Also, "A CO leaves a piece of himself behind."

I agree.

It is not easy to find words to express what a privilege it has been to "command" for two years. Many professional fields have been tamed, many good men trained, many promoted on merit, many posted to the mutual benefit of the service and the soldier. We have achieved much together because of your dedication, your professionalism, your spirit, your zeal, your good humour.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons have more than held their own in the past two years during changing times. New policies, new trends, new problems, new tasks have been faced squarely by all of you. Your patience, your trust and faith in our management have been remarkable as we plumbed new depths and ascended new peaks in the changing environment of the Canadian Forces. Your professionalism has kept and will continue to keep us strong. I recognized your professionalism in the beginning and said so to you in September 1967. You responded. This is what I have called "Theory Y Management". I hope I leave that behind with you all.

I have never worked with finer soldiers. I never expect to have the honour to do so again. The Army is people and you Dragoons are the best of people.

I want to thank you all from the Colonel of the Regiment and Old Comrades down to the newest joined soldier for your support. I know you will continue to give the same support to your new CO, ICOL Gross, a fine professional soldier and longtime colleague of mine.

Au revoir,

C.G. Kitchen  
Lieutenant Colonel

Commanding The Royal Canadian Dragoons

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RSM'S PAGE

By RSM (CWO) EA Brown, CD

DISCIPLINE

To military personnel discipline means punishment and its real meaning is often misunderstood.

During my early military service, and I assume that of others, drill and the teaching of Instinctive Obedience was my only form of discipline. Can you imagine any Army without it? Very unlikely.

Discipline comes in many forms and for the average soldier it is no different today than it was in 1883 when the Regiment was formed. Only the methods of administering have changed somewhat.

In this day of highly skilled professional soldiers it is important to know and be competent with all types of sophisticated equipment. Even clothing is made to be functional and styled to the needs of the modern fighting man. Sometimes we tend to either ignore or take for granted the more personal things. Good personal habits are a form of discipline.

Quarters and haircuts are now lenient and can easily become abused. Most soldiers resent constant supervision, others cannot function without it. Superiors must be constantly aware of this and insert the right amount of discipline at the right time.

Fear can be a problem but usually can be overcome by good mental discipline.

It is often easier to give up than face what appears to be an insurmountable problem. If you discipline yourself to tackle it quite often the solution is simple.

This is only a scraping of the surface of discipline. Each man must have a good look at himself and if he finds that he has good mental and moral well being, discipline is rarely a problem.

Shortly the Regiment moves to Europe; some will go with it, others may be required to rebadge. Do you ever look around at your friends and wonder where will they be next year? It is discouraging to have to pick up roots and move, often to a strange environment, for which some are unprepared. Good mental and moral training makes it easier to look ahead to new horizons and new challenges.

Good mental and moral training is good discipline.



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YOUR EDITOR IN BETTER DAYS



DO YOU HAVE ONE?



DO YOU WANT ONE?

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REGIMENTAL ACTIVITIESREGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

By WOs R.W. Hansen and T.W. Webb

The "Who's Who" and "Who's Where" changes again at RHQ.

Our Commanding Officer, LCOL C.G. "Gord" Kitchen left us in August to take up new duties on the Directing Staff at the RMC of Science, Shrivenham, England. With him went our very best wishes for an enjoyable tour and the hope that he will return to visit the Regiment in the not too distant future.

On LCOL Kitchen's departure we welcomed from the LdSH(RC), LCOL R.D. "Bob" Gross. In keeping with the continuity factor MAJ G.D. "Tim" Smith continues to hold down the chair as D/CO of the Regiment. Our regrets in bidding farewell to the Adjutant, CAPT K.R.T. "Terry" Seeley who left in September for Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College, were tempered with wishes for his every success during the year. Replacing him on the nest as SEAGULL is CAPT N.D. "Norm" Ashton who moved over from a very demanding task as Regimental Training Coordinator and member of the Combat Team Commanders Course writing team. Our A/Adjt, LT C.J. "Chris" Sproule departed in June to begin a tour in Germany with LdSH(RC). Moving in behind him is LT J.J.B. "Bann" Price. As a matter of interest, LT Price cemented Anglo/Canadian relations by returning from Flyover last year with a charming British "War" bride.

The turnover of the RQR staff compares favourably with the 20,000 miles the tank tracks turned last year. Our Chief Clerk, WO "Doug" Dunsmore and SGT "Mike" Baronosky have left their desks for the less hectic atmosphere of a tank turret. Fond farewells were expressed to SGT "Roy" McKay now representing the Regiment at CFSAL, Borden and CPL "Mouse" Demuelles who now enjoys the scenic beauty of Quebec City with 12e RBC, while CPL "Chris" Christopherson's face is a familiar sight around the Officer's Mess. The lure of the tank turret is such that even SGT "Dick" Watson's head and shoulders may now be seen protruding from a hatch. PTE "Bobby" Dow is holding down the task of balancing our ration account each month.

It was with great reluctance that we said adieu to Mrs. Millie Barry whose typist's duties were required elsewhere on the Base. She is sorely missed by the entire staff of the RHQ. Happily, Mrs. Isabel Pile continues to keep the CO and D/CO honest. It is catastrophic when she even takes a day off. (Where are the cookies and tea?)

Our present Chief Clerk, WO "Ray" Hansen, RCASC joined us with many valuable contacts, from duties at Base Headquarters. We tankers have found that you really don't have to "Wait for the Waggon". SGT Carl Newcombe is now attached to CFB Gagetown with the POR Section while CPL "Al" DeRoacher



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continues to solve complexities of the DATA bank. You might even say "Al" is keeping pace with the "PACER".

In Central Registry PTE "Stan" Michelin is kept busy pushing reams of paper into proper channels and CPL "Glen" Furge, our unit postal clerk, feeds the paper war by keeping the mail sorted and moving.

The IO LO and Training Coordinator chairs are all held by CAPT Bob Elrick, with assistance from WO Conrad, SGTs Foster, and Wadsworth and CPLs Bithell and Brownridge.

We close this short summary of our past years events with a quotation from Francois de la Rochefoucault, "We seldom find people ungrateful so long as we are in a condition to render them service".

### HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

By CAPTs J.J. Gallant and J.W.S. Lewis

Aug 15th was the big day for HQ Sqr as the crack 30-man Standby Troop disbanded. For 30 days they had the immeasurable responsibility of being in the breach for the unit, the Combat Group, the Armed Forces, Canada and the world. Only the finest could be in this fully integrated unit (ask CPL Izzard) and many Corps were represented: RCAC, RC Sigs, RCME, RCASC and RCPC. It was with sadness that the Troop Leader said "to your annual leave GO".

There were a lot of changes in the squadron in the first six months. CAPT Jim Gervais handed over to MAJ Ernie Wesson while CAPT Brian Moore and "Super" CAPT J.J. Gallant did an exchange. Later on Super CAPT and CAPT Al Hamilton changed over as Squadron 2IC. All this time the section heads remained constant. One can see where continuity and stability exist.

The squadron was completely committed for the Staff College Demonstration and needless to say it was a success. The squadron undertook morning PT with their usual smiles and good outlook on life. What a wonderful place to be.

In January 1969 we said good-bye to MAJ Wesson who left the squadron to help organize HQ 1 (Br) Corps in Germany. By all reports his scarlet-lined dinner jacket is a huge success. Since January we have ably supported annual Gun Camp, the Combat Team Commanders Course, Militia Training, etc. There have been a number of changes in squadron personnel including MAJ Bob Billings who commanded for a while followed by MAJ Bob Moulton. CAPT Jeremy Lewis took over from CAPT Al Hamilton in March as 2IC. Throughout all these changes SSM Dzioba has remained completely unperturbed, simply getting on with the job in hand; likewise the squadron.

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And again more changes. CAPT J.J. Gallant took over from CAPT Lewis who went to "A" Sqn. Finally the continuity broke down; SSM Dzioba was pried away from HQ Sqn and posted to CAS. In his place, and fresh from the sharp end, SSM Bob Wallace and his issue glasses became an integral part of the squadron. SGTs Godden, Owen, and Desjardines assisted SSM Wallace (their version) however "B" Sqn required a good NCO and SGT Howie Owen broke all his pencil leads and left. CPLs Bush and Beno wangled good jobs at base and the ROR. The Squadron got a new Sherriff in SGT Farrington and it is rumoured his freezer has deer steaks.

MAJ Moulton left to command "A" Sqn and this left CAPT J.J. Gallant acting. He did.

The net results were that the only continuity in the squadron OR was CPL Furge who quietly and efficiently despatched his mail.

Seriously speaking, the squadron is looking forward to the new year and all its meaning. It should be a very busy year with maximum reward for maximum effort.

#### REGIMENTAL TRANSPORT

By WO C.P. Donald

Since the Springbok last went to press faces have changed so many times that it would be impossible to mention everybody in this short column.

Things really started off with a large "bang" last June when CPL Bill Hovey was climbing into the back of his POL truck and his driver CPL Billy Bosh decided to move it. Net result was "Big Bill" lying in the bottom of the truck surrounded by empty cans and blue haze covering the entire area. The bang wasn't quite as loud but the haze didn't change any when a couple of months later SGT Bernie McNichol was forming up 60 vehicles in packets prior to Militia Camp. He told a driver to back up a jeep and thats exactly what he did - right over Bernie. It must have proved too much for Bernie because shortly afterwards he was forced to take a posting to Nanaimo, BC. We are still trying to figure out all those post cards en route, Bernie that just said "Ha Ha".

Transport was used to full extent for Militia Camp, with every driver and vehicle being pressed into service. Again, in the fall, with the fire-power demonstrations and fall gun camp as well as the normal committments people had little or no spare time on their hands.

On the first of December 1968 the Regiment underwent a massive change in all departments. The net result was that we had practically all new faces around Transport. With this change came a new philosophy, or should



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I say an old one revived. The principle being that a driver should be in one of three places:

- a. on a run,
- b. doing maintenance
- c. jail

Early in January 1969 found us deeply involved in our annual MTI by Base Workshops keeping the above philosophy in mind, a lot of hard work was put in by drivers WO Bill Hancox and his section and the not to be forgotten SGT Joe Blanchard with his servicing section; the end result being that our marks moved up to an average in the high 80's. Congratulations to all concerned and especially to CPL Angus MacRury who made 100% on his vehicle. Spring and summer found us heavily committed in all roles of support. EX QUICK HAUL a Service Battalion exercise in which Transport, with the help of "A" sqn and a section from 2 RCHA moved 79 tons of equipment eight times in four days. I hope we never hear the word DP again.

October 1969 saw the field portion of the CTCC 2/69. Once again Transport was fully committed; this time providing an echelon for the "BEEP BEEP" Sqn, pardon me, "A" Sqn. At present, all members of Transport are busily preparing for the 1969 MTI.

The Regiment has again just had a change throughout, so the writer would like to take this opportunity to wish all those who have just left Transport "Good luck" and remember that when those "agony wagons" get too tough this winter come on back to see us.

QM

By LT R.D. Amos

In the past year and one half the QM has carried out its normal support to the Regiment. All or part of the POL personnel have been involved in every aspect of training including gun camps, annual refresher training and all exercises, either as direct participants or behind the scenes.

Highlights were as follows:

The annual QM Christmas Party which always provides a happy ending to a busy year.

The pilot Combat Team Commanders Course, in which the QM personnel took an active part in the coordination and implementation of the CTCC ADM Area at PETERSVILLE. Special mention for input to the course goes to SGT Hammond, CPL Rogers, and TPR Pepperdine for the operation of QM at PETERSVILLE and to CPL Hovey and CPL Chandler for the long drives

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to supply Petersville Camp, the HQ and "A" Sqn with POL.

The fall course did not require direct participation on the QM's part, however, as always were were involved with the stores problems which our kilted friends could not cope with.

EX RICKSHAW RAMBLE was an exercise in road movements and driver training conducted during the period 17-24 Nov 1969 for the QM personnel. All participants received valuable lessons in road movement, radio procedures, living in winter conditions and "living off the land".

At time of writing all ranks of the QM are looking forward to the Christmas season and the round of social activities and leave.

### MAINTENANCE TROOP

By MCPL P.J. Goheen

### There Was Broomball

Officers and Sergeants versus Corporals won by the former. Highlights of the game was the scoring of the winning goal by SGT Tom Johnson. This was tough as one of the teams great acrobats, CAPT C.F. (Aerial) Potter was checked by Giant Gerry (CPL Germain). After several flips, sommersaults, hand springs and a broken arm, "Aerial" was carried off to the dressing room amidst the cheers of fans. By the way, CAPT Potter is not playing broomball this year. His time is now taken by Charles Jr. Congratulations. Charles Micheal was born on November 20, 1969.

### The CTCC Course - Spring 1969

This spring was uneventful with the exception of a quiet and embarrassed ARV crew, 54-81329 - no names. After releasing two Centurions from the swamp near Hibernia and Lawfield corner, the AFV crew waved cheerfully to the last ground anchor as it dramatically disappeared into the twilight. There was not even a stump within a half mile. There they were stuck! As fate would have it, radio frequency was changed at this time. Where, or where did the SOI's go? To make the long story short, some very weary 18 hours later, 54-81329 tiptoed back into battle.

### Camp Petersville

Some of us go on scheme. Others don't. Some stay back in the rear, rear echelon like Maint. Troop hangar K-17 or aptly named "ice cream parlor" by CPL (Roddy) McNeil. Well, back in the "ice cream parlor" there is a Good Humor Man, (MWO Endall) a person of reply. With bells ringing, he delivered to Petersville one gallon of ice cream to said Corporal, who with one arm twisted behind his back completely consumed the ice cream.



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Is there a Good Humor Man in your Squadron?  
CPL McNeil has left the army for civvy street.  
Best of our wishes, Roddy.

Fly-over Training

This ended with a greased Pole Climb competition and Lobster Festival. After rigorous training for the Pole Climb, the competitors waded their way through empty cans to the start line. CPLs Allen, Jesty, Woiner and Powell slithered their way to slippery victory. WO (Norm) Laviolette was up to his hips in lobster claws and unable to join the competition. Too bad. Norm. Better luck next year.

The CTCC - Fall 1969

Maint Troop rear echelon had it tough again this fall during the CTCC. They couldn't get the Herman Nelson working efficiently enough to raise the temperature over 70 degrees in the Hibernia Palace.

Code words were the thing during this course and as uncomfortable as it was in the Palace, all minds were in high gear. Well as the story goes, a prearranged code word was established, "Sprocket Bolts", which when decoded at the nerve centre would read "Moosehead".

They had an AFV at Hibernia, believe it or not, which was called out to recover another AFV. During this recovery, operation, the crew of these two vehicles worked up a bit of thirst. No problem. All they had to do was to get on the old wireless and request 24 Sprocket Bolts. The message was passed to the nerve centre. Some hours later, a 3/4 ton truck arrived at the thirsty scene with 13 of the shiniest one inch course threaded sprocket bolts you ever saw. The delivery man said that's all they had at Hibernia, but the Control Officer was bringing eleven more from the ice cream parlour.

Operation frustration was eventually completed.

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"A" SQUADRON

By LT WR Blair

Much has happened to "A" Squadron since the last issue of the "Springbok" was published. The Squadron has drastically changed its composition four times; has gone through two gun camps and formed the 1968 Flyover Squadron.

Last year's training began with a gun camp in April. This was the first gun camp in the Corps to be run on the basis of the SOLO system of training and as such presented a challenge to the organizers - CAPT Norm Ashton, SGT Bancroft and SGT Ken Tedmarsh. They achieved success, however, and proved that gunnery could be taught under the SOLO system if it is approached positively. One of the highlights of the 1968 Spring Gun Camp was the night firing using illumination provided by the 1 RHC Mortar Platoon. Much was learned by both sides in this live practice of Armoured-Infantry co-operation.

Following the Birthday Weekend, the Squadron took to the field with 1 RHC for the Panzer Partner series of exercises. The aim of the exercises was to prove whether or not the 3 Combat Group SOPs for tank-infantry co-operation would meet the test of practical field usage. The OC, MAJ Tim Smith felt they did, despite such moments of doubt as the brilliant dawn attacks that LTs Bill Blair and Bann Price launched against each other and the rather erratic night move led by LT Jim Fournier as he tracked a moose.

June 1968 saw the Squadron re-organize for Flyover. MAJ Tim Smith left us to become 2 I/C and CAPT Norm Ashton assumed command with CAPT Al Hamilton as his Battle Captain. Pre-flyover training consisted of a month long work-up designed to perfect armoured skills in all phases of war. Armoured skills were not all that was perfected. TPR Danny Royer sharpened his ability as a hunter. After returning to base camp after exercises he would not go to bed but would pick up his trusty club and go out to "kabong da raccoons", with a fair degree of success. Pre-flyover training ended in the last week of July with troop closed down battle runs.

By mid August the Squadron was in Germany after a rather lengthy stay in Petawawa. The Strathconas sent each troop to different Squadrons and all of us set about the task of preparing tanks for battle. Labour Day was the day to entrain for Soltau and three weeks of tank-infantry co-operation exercises. The most memorable thing about Soltau was the rain and did it ever rain! Incidents like SGTs Bob Jackson and Eddie Ross waking up in the middle of the night to find themselves and their tents afloat were not uncommon. Soltau was followed by the Divisional exercises - Exercise Keystone which was a road movement exercise across most of central Germany. The exercise was to be the culmination of the tour. For some it was. For example, SGT Bob Jackson's crew lost their final drive on the second day of the exercise and were forced to spend the rest of it at the local town's Harvest Festival. They thought a week of beer, dancing, etc is fair compensation for missing an exercise.



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TPR Wayne Myers had better luck. He managed to drive his tank throughout Soltau and the division exercise without a single minute off the road. That is until the final attack of Exercise Keystone. At that moment he bogged his tank in a small stream. Making the best of the situation, Myers proceeded to go fishing in the pool created by the tank which had dammed the stream. He clubbed two trout with his axe handle and thus provided his crew with fresh fish for breakfast, while the entire force of 4 CMBG was attacking all around him.

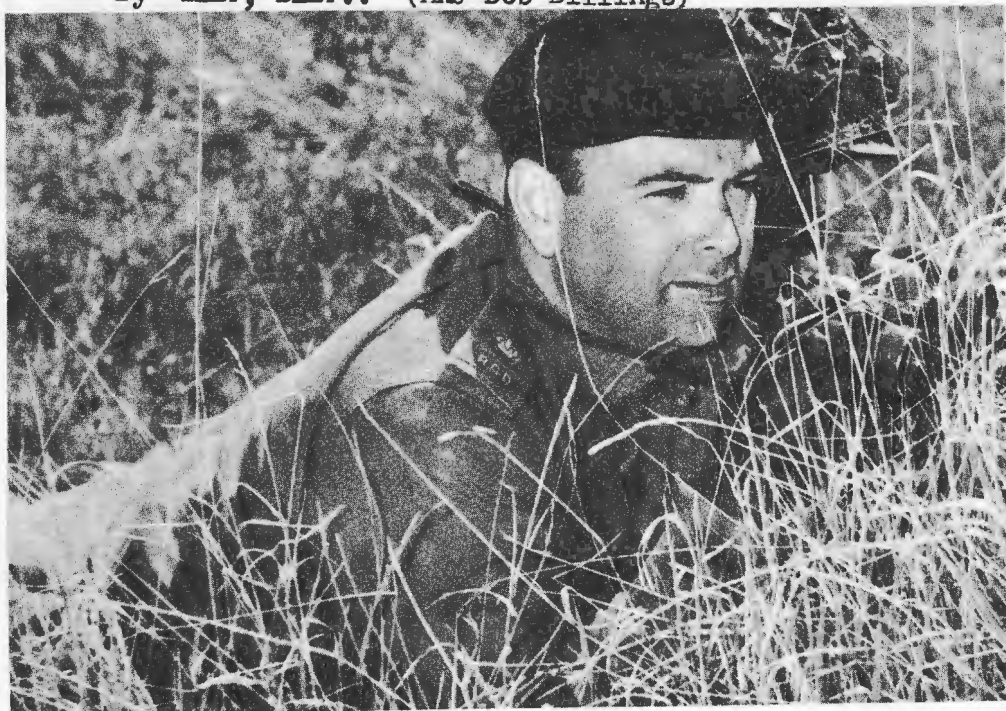
While in Germany, most of the Squadron took advantage of their opportunity to see Europe. 2 Troop took the Rhine River cruise from Cologne to the wine festival at Bingen. For those that hadn't been to a wine festival it was a far from sobering experience. From Bingen, they continued on to Heideberg where they met a group of female British campers. Canadian gallantry and German wine flowed in equal proportions. Others in the Squadron visited Paris, Amsterdam, London, Hamburg and Copenhagen. Mid November finally came and the Squadron left Germany after three months of good training and great times, and arrived back at the Regiment right in the middle of the Liliefontein Weekend.

Following its return from Germany, the Squadron broke up. Many members of the Squadron returned to Germany on posting. Others joined "B" Squadron and began the task of preparing for the Combat Team Commanders Course. The few that remained with the Squadron settled down to a winter of individual training. 1968 was a busy but profitable and enjoyable training year.

"A" SQUADRON - PART II

FALL ACTIVITIES - 1969

By "BEEP, BEEP!!" (MAJ Bob Billings)



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A Squadron was brought to full strength as a four-troop squadron with a complete echelon in mid-July. CAPT Bob Elrick remained as the BC with CAPT Jeremy Lewis (Blues and Royals) and LT Bill Clifford joining the squadron as the 2IC and LO. MWO Miller carried on from the previous "A" Squadron organization as the SSM. The author was appointed OC in mid July as well. The troop leaders, LT John Winship, WO Dunsmore, WO Sampson, and WO MacAdams immediately set to work rounding up their charges to prepare the tanks for the MIP.

To prepare the troops for the strenuous tasks ahead daily PT sessions were held from 0800 to 0900 hrs. The PT consisted mainly of long road runs around the base. It was no great surprise that a new callsign was heard on the net and a new tactical sign joined the others on the vehicles - "The Road Runner with C/S BEEP-BEEP."

In addition to the MIP, the Squadron was tasked to prepare a harbour demonstration, participate in an attack demonstration and provide one troop for a fire power demonstration, all for the combined Canadian Staff College visit. Also, "A" Squadron was designated to participate in the Combat Team Commanders Course 2/69.

The troop field training was completed on 5 Sep. After a very dry period the weather changed to very wet as the squadron started a 72 hour squadron exercise to climax the training. The highlight of this exercise was the hurricane which lashed through the harbour, uprooting numerous trees and dropping the odd "bivvy". On 12 Sep the squadron moved into Hibernia to commence the work-up training for the CTCC. The latter training consisted of a 72 hour exercise at the Battle Group level.

The squadron next turned its attention to the Staff College visit 7 to 10 Oct. For the harbour demonstration an old woods was cut to make a new one at the demonstration area. Some of the reforestation looked so authentic that students inadvertently leaned on them. After many rehearsals the demonstration all received a stamp of approval and were presented to the students without incident. "A" Squadron enjoyed the visit - for the canteen profits of course.

The CTCC 2/69 started 15 Oct, just four days after the Staff College visitors departed. This course was rewritten from 1/69 which is described elsewhere in this magazine. The exercise director, LCOL Morrison, CC 1 RHC was assisted in preparing the exercise by MAJ Dave Stothers, 2 RCHA; MAJ Don Manuel, 1 RHC and yours truly.

The course was divided into three blocks, Penetration Accepted, Penetration Denied and The Break Out. Each block lasted four days with a maintenance and rest day between each block. An airmobile TFWT and operation was added with three CH 113 helicopters from 450 Sqn and two T33 jets from 408 Sqn. The enemy force was given more punch with the addition of a troop of tanks manned by personnel from 12e RBC.



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Because of the number of students, 36, and the need to employ the students in forward positions, "A" Squadron accommodated eighteen students in squadron positions. All tanks were commanded by students except the Troop Sergeants'. With the exception of the OC and BC, all squadron personnel displaced by students remained with the vehicle as an operator. Bob Elrick became the operator in the dozer tank (minus a blade) where he was able to listen to all nets and take note of mechanical faults. Along with a few other "senior citizens", Bob found himself doing guard duty, radio watch and digging slit trenches!

The grouping, for almost all exercises, was two heavy infantry combat teams (CT) and one armoured CT. Regrouping into two CT was practiced as was passage of lines, radio orders, NBCW drills, patrolling, battle procedure, fire planning, tactical feeding, maintenance and resupply as well as movement by day and night.

The squadron successfully rolled all 19 tanks back into K-18 on 30 Oct. The tanks had run well with the hard work put in by the troops. The CO congratulated the squadron on a job well done and granted a 72 hour pass to all personnel.

In four short months "A" Squadron participated in the CO's handover parade, prepared for two MIP's, carried out crew and troop training and a 72 hours squadron exercise, took part in three major demonstrations, a Battle Group exercise and the 15 day CTCC 2/69. In all this the total tank mileage was 7000 miles.

On 1 Dec the Regiment was re-organized into two tank squadrons of three troops each plus a small A1 echelon. A few personnel were posted from the squadron but the hard core remained to perform again for the new OC, MAJ Bob Moulton.

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"B" SQUADRON

By LT RF Carruthers

"7200 miles and 600 gallons of beer". With these proud statistics, MAJ Ron Brown took leave of "B" Squadron last June, and the remnants were quickly dispersed to "A" Squadron for flyover, Headquarters Squadron, and annual leave. By August, however, bits and pieces were again coming together to form the squadron, which, on August 21, left for the wars in the form of Exercise Naked Sword I. SGT "Buzz" Barsby and SGT Henry Wyatt had the onerous task of "breaking in" two new troop leaders, LT Ross Carruthers and LT Jim Crosby. The first Naked Sword exercise included a lengthy harbour-to-harbour approach march down the Drummond Road. The sight of APC's, tanks from various troops, and civilian cars milling around a crater in the road impressed upon us the importance of timing in a move of this sort.

Exercise Naked Sword II saw the Squadron, now commanded by CAPT Colin Sangster, spend a leisurely two and a half days on the Olinville Road watching the Infantry dig in. "B" Squadron quickly moved on to Exercise Naked Sword III while 1 Troop eliminated a .30 cal machine gun belonging to the Infantry in the process.

Exercise Naked Sword III was memorable by the approach march, which finished with LT Bill Clifford right behind LT Crosby. Unfortunately, when they started out there had been six tanks between them. However, the stragglers were soon retrieved from the Cooper Road, much to CAPT Brian Moore's satisfaction. The exercise carried on to finish with a smoke and fog-bound attack on Lazy "D". To this day, three troop insisted that it was they who were on the right objective and the rest of the squadron, which missed it, not vice-versa.

At the end of September, "B" Squadron just had time to shake the dust off when we moved back to Jerusalem to prepare for the Staff College demonstration. SGT Henry Wyatt and the crew of 21A distinguished themselves by their spirited performance in the "abandon ship" sequence. The demonstration, on 18 October, saw the "Lazy D" attacked by a formidable force consisting of aircraft and infantry in addition to "B" Squadron.

In November, it was off to the ranges, where we sharpened up our gunnery techniques, and also whittled away at the gunnery solo's. Throughout gun camp we were plagued by poor weather, and inevitably, an hour after we left the ranges, the mist cleared and visibility was unlimited.

December saw a squadron re-organization, and when the dust had settled, "B" Squadron had expanded to four troops plus three tanks in SHQ, and CAPT "Scotty" Alexander was in the BC's office riding herd on a sizable pile of log books and gun logs.



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The first quarter of the new year saw a number of short courses, starting with winter warfare, followed by internal security training. During the IS training CPL Bosh gave an effective demonstration of a malfunctioning respirator, although it was rather involuntary on his part.

In March, we put some miles on doing driver training through ice, snow, and blizzards. WO Busher Bennett tried to introduce diving in a tank to Four Troop out by the Shirley Settlement, and had to be rescued by the ever-ready ARV.

At the end of April, "B" Squadron began working up for the forthcoming Combat Team Commanders Course. This course was one of the most ambitious to be attempted in a long time, and for some of us it was our first look at a complete war establishment squadron and company. By the end of the work-up, the squadron had developed and perfected tactical moves, harbouring and leaguering, and many of the finer points of tank infantry co-operation. SGT "Sitrep" Fargueson of 1 Troop felt confident enough to assume control of the combat team. The importance of harbour security was impressed upon us when Four Troop leader was captured by the enemy.

On May 21 we set off on the first of three four day blocks with LT Doug Robertson now leading Four Troop. Our first night's harbour amidst the mosquitoes and swamp is best forgotten. We pressed on south, and at one point we had searchlights probing the darkness trying to find the echelon which was supposedly following in column behind us. The first block finished with a party at Petersville.

By the time we rolled into the second block, events were proceeding quite smoothly, and the third block saw us move back north, and finish off with an attack on the Rockwell Stream Bridge. Then it was back to the washrock, where a count showed that 19 tanks had driven back out of 19 that had set out three weeks earlier. This simple statistic indicates the standard and amount of crew maintenance which went into the tanks, and even more, indicates the quality of work done by the Maintenance Troop. At any hour of the day or night, there was someone to answer our "agrops". The various call signs, 28, also demonstrated an uncanny ability to find us in the middle of the darkest swamp. In short, the degree of success which was attained on the course would have been impossible without the effort of the "flying fitters".

Once back in camp, we found that our battle-weary machines had to be made presentable for the farewell parade for MGEN Anderson, on 23 June. The rehearsal on 20 June saw the first flypast by a tank squadron at 21.5 MPH. The lesson was learned, however, and on 23 June, the parade went off without a hitch.

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At this time we also said good-bye to CAPT Sangster who had commanded the Squadron for the past year, and welcomed in CAPT Don Watkins, our new OC. We were re-organized again and reverted back to three troops. The task now ahead of us was to prepare for flyover, and we started out with crew and troop training. On 7-8 July we went out on a Squadron exercise. SGT Roger May and SGT Niel Desjardins staged an impromptu competition to see who could attain the highest speed in Mexican reverse. After two heats, SGT May was declared undisputed winner. The exercise finished off with a party at the South end of camp. Many people left their mark at this gathering, including SGT Joe Strickler, CAPT JJ Gallant, and PTE Ernie Carroll. PTE Wayne Cleveland is still washing the 3GP685 out of his hair after a spirited attempt at the greased pole competition went down to defeat before the efforts of Maintenance Troop.

Then it was back to camp, and a day of battle against the anti-tank guns of the 47th Light Regiment, RA.

At the end of August we departed from the luxury of Gagetown for the rigours of Europe. Our experiences are discussed elsewhere, so it will suffice to say that Exercise Marshmallow will be remembered by all for some time to come.

On arrival back in Gagetown the Squadron underwent another re-organization and CAPT Watkins handed over to MAJ Clive Milner. Our first task was to familiarize ourselves with aid to the civil power procedures as we kept a wary eye on Dorchester and Springhill. Fortunately, our services were not required and we are now in the process of organizing the individual training for the new year.

In the near future "B" Squadron is again committed to the CTCC. After this, there looms a large question mark. But until we hear differently, our business is tanks, and with a bit of luck and a lot of hard work, we'll keep them rolling.

FLYOVER '69

By LT JL Crosby

Field training for "B" Squadron was culminated this year with Exercise Orion Special, a three month exercise designed to supplement the LdSH(RC) in Europe for the fall NATO exercises. The squadron was warmly welcomed by the Strathconas and divided on a troop per squadron basis.

After drawing the tanks, a brief period of preparation followed and we were off on Exercise Tomahawk. Vastly differing from training in Canada, the troops gradually grew accustomed to travelling on major roads and developed a great sense of imagination and patience.



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Exercise Marshmallow followed shortly. The enemy was realistic and equally keen. The battle plans of both forces were unknown to the opposition and invaluable lessons were learned at all levels of command. The exercise was excellent, giving each participant an insight to battle procedures on a brigade and high level.

Ample time for leave was available and the troops used it to good advantage. The flyover period terminated with a trip to Leeuwarden, Holland, via Amsterdam, which speaks for itself. The reception which we received in Leeuwarden left little doubts that the citizens have not forgotten the liberation of their town by the Regiment. After a brief welcome by the mayor and a presentation of the Regimental History to the town, all ranks proceeded to a nearby Dutch Air Force Base for a mess dinner in the Officers' Mess. An RCD flag was prominently placed on one wall and it is difficult to express how much at home we felt. The evening was spent in Leeuwarden itself, and we were literally given the keys to the town. The people of Leeuwarden will never forget the RCD and those of us who have visited them will always remember their kind hospitality.

Exercise Orion Special was a good indoctrination to Europe and "B" Squadron was fortunate to have experienced it. Thanks to the IdSH(RC) for their efforts and co-operation in making our brief stay one to remember.

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### INSTITUTES

#### RCD OFFICERS' MESS

By LT J.L. Crosby

#### PMC - CAPT J.C. GERVAIS

"Will you give me 2, will you give me 2? I have 2, the happy-go-lucky major in the corner!" That's the sound. Mess life in the early fall commenced with the incessant battle of auctioneer CAPT J.J. Gallant pawning ancient RCD treasures for vast sums.

#### PMC - MAJ E.J. WESSON

Cheery Oct was climaxed with a Halloween Party at the Ponderosa in Petersville. Dancing on tables, drinking of wine and the crowning of the first RCD Pumpkin King assured us that RCD mess functions could only get better.

Colonel of the Regiment, BGEN H.A. Phillips, OBE CD, officiated at the Liliefontein ceremonies which were highlighted with a Mess Dinner on 9 Nov. Cool November was ushered out with a Grey Cup cum Lobster Party. Our newly acquired color TV was appreciated by all. Ernie Wesson salutes you, Father Cremona.

Ever been to a psychedelic New Year's Ball? We had one, January 1st, 1969. Cool sounds, casual dress, and excellent food combined to create an excellent scene.

#### PMC - CAPT N.D. ASHTON

The prim project of the winter was the refurnishment of the Games Room. Under the watchful eye of CAPT Bob Elrick, four dull yellow walls were transformed into a homey, comfortable games room. The theme was old-fashioned, using aged grey boards from the area and it turned out to be a masterpiece!

Beware the Ides of March! How true. Or, in the words of a sorry subaltern, "Don't drink wine with you toga parties." Perhaps the most successful party of the year, the 1969 Roman Orgy was even honoured with American tourist, Bob Billings.

The 1969 RCD car rally took place in rainy April. A slight error in the instructions saw each participant successfully get stuck on a muddy, impossible road. The rally organizer was posted to NWE shortly afterwards.

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PMC - MAJ T.R.J. MOULTON

The departure of LCOL C.G. Kitchen and the arrival of LCOL R.D. Cross was marked with an excellent cabaret style dinner/dance with entertainment provided by that sometimes red-headed singing minstrel Jeremy Lewis.

The Lilliefontein Weekend saw a round of parties including a semi-formal dance and afternoon luncheons, the whole being climaxed by a mess dinner on 10th of November.

A truly MARITIME Grey Cup party was enjoyed by all, need I say what was on the menu?

One decade at an end, the new 70's begin.

SERGEANTS' MESS

By SGT G.J. Riches

During the past twelve months or so the Mess has seen and experienced many changes, and held numerous enjoyable functions.

To start off, and since space is limited, the names of all those members who have left us, and those new members who have joined us will not be mentioned. We will take this opportunity to say "Farewell" and "Hello".

Since January of last year many changes have occurred in the Mess to make it more attractive. The first major project undertaken by the members was the remodelling and decorating of the Games Room under the capable supervision of Mel Wheeler. The next project undertaken was the refurnishment of the foyer and the entrance to the ladies powder room. Chandeliers were hung in the dancing area of the Mess. Several other major projects were proposed but the reshufflement of the Services resulted in their cancellation.

Many, many very enjoyable functions have been held; starting off in February with the Mess sponsoring a Teen Dance with approximately 200 attending. The Teen Dance was followed by a Valentines Dance and this in turn was followed by the annual broomball match with Hoyt. Although the Mess bowed to the Hoyt team 2 to 1 it was the general consensus of opinion that the members came out on top at the reception following. All are looking forward to a rematch.

Several Candlelight Dinners were held during the winter months and by the turnouts and comments these are here to stay.

When spring finally came to stay and the weather warmed up the barbeque season was opened at the Mess with a barbeque and dance. It was a roaring success for those who attended.



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During the summer months things slowed down around the Mess with training commitments in NWE and the local boondocks as well as annual leave. As soon as all were back the barbeque season was closed with a Western Night; at this time members of the Mess had a chance to say farewell to LCOL Kitchen, who was relinquishing his command of the Regiment. Following the barbeque a mess luncheon was held to receive and introduce the new CO, LCOL R.D. Gross.

As this was to be possible the last year in which the RCD Sergeants' Mess will be operating in CFB Gagetown, Lilliefontein Weekend took on special significance to all members of the Mess. The weekend started off with a Formal Ball followed by a family luncheon and closed off with a Mess Dinner. A long but very enjoyable weekend.

One of the highlights of the year was the annual Grey Cup Party. It started around noon and finished (for some stalwart Western fans) the next day. Enjoy your victory you Eastern fans, because a year goes by fast and come next November look out - the West shall overcome.....

The Bingo games in the Mess this year have taken on a new importance with the instigation of a progressive jackpot. At present it is well worth winning; even those died-in-the-wool non players are forsaking their hockey games or the bar to play.

This has been a brief run-down of the Mess activities and as this may be the last from this location, the FMC and the Committee would like to wish all the very best, wherever you are now or wherever you may be in the future.

### CAMBRAI CLUB By CPL Berry CS

When the Cambrai Club became part of the CFB Gagetown Junior Ranks Club, a committee to represent the RCD was appointed by the CO; the members were CPLs B. Monroe, J.K. Brown, C.S. Berry, J. Egan and J. Stafford. In February, 1969 elections were held. CPL Berry became FMC, CPL Symas (3 Sigs Sqn) VPFC and CPL Stafford sports representative.

The committee and the members have been active. Several improvements in facilities have been completed. For the summer months, a patio has been constructed with two barbeque pits and wooden furniture. The bar was also renovated by CPL "Piper" MacLean of Maint Troop. Members have since been voicing appreciation of his workmanship.

In the way of entertainment, a schedule was drawn up. There are dances each Saturday night. On Sundays another dance with bingo included. The club facilities have been used by Squadrons and Troops as well as the Regiment for smokers and mixed parties.

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CPL BERRY PRESENTING A MUG TO LCOL KITCHEN

During the Lilliefontein Weekend, the Club was the scene of a Candlelight Dinner and dance, sponsored by the Regiment for its Junior Ranks. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

One of the highlights of the year for the RCD members was the presentation of a suitably engraved mug to LCOL Kitchen when he relinquished command of the Regiment.

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### EXCHANGE OFFICER

By CAPT Jeremy Lewis

I spent a long time looking at my World Atlas 1947 vintage trying to discover Gagetown. I spent an equally long time trying to discover Oromocto. After contracting severe eye strain, I returned to the Commanding Officer and told him I didn't think I could go to Gagetown as an Exchange Officer as it didn't exist. Of course when CAPT Archie Bell arrived in Germany he confirmed in remarkably vivid Canadian that Gagetown did exist but Canada would be a much happier place to live in if it didn't. If this dampened my enthusiasm his next statement struck home like an APDS round at 800 yds - "The whole Regiment leaping up and down at dawn during the winter months?" I refused to believe it.

For the first two weeks no one seemed to mind if I missed PT in the morning. It wasn't deliberate idleness on my part but a failure to my system to soak up fantastic quantities of Canadian hospitality and then be able to leap out of bed like a spring lamb the following morning. In fact staggering out like a wounded buffalo is probably a more accurate picture. Needless to say after much training and endless "Happy Hours" (an institution we don't have in the British Army), the quality and quantity of hangovers has diminished.

Since I arrived last October, I have managed to incorporate a certain amount of work - this may not be a unanimous view - with a lot of pleasure. This is mainly due to the "authorities" being extremely co-operative in helping me to see as much of Canada and Canadian Service life as possible. My first excursion was to Newfoundland on a joint Naval/Army exercise. My excuse for being there was to umpire an Infantry Platoon of the Black Watch. Unfortunately, I never met a Newfy, never wore my snowshoes, and couldn't find anyone to talk to on my radio. However, it was a very interesting experience and a good introduction to a Canadian winter.

My next trip was to CFB Chilliwack fulfilling a school boy's wish of travelling across Canada by train. A fascinating journey which will always be very vivid in my memories of Canada. British Columbia is certainly as beautiful and impressive as I had been taught in school geography lessons, and the night life in Vancouver well up to the accounts I heard of in the Officers' Mess. My demolition Instructors Course was certainly a useful piece of military training, but if a little knowledge is a dangerous thing - I am particularly dangerous. As a good example of unification one of my instructors was an Airforce pilot. My performance convinced him he would be much safer in the air.



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In between my visits to the East and West Coasts of Canada, I managed to collect a suntan in Florida and a drive down the East Coast of the U.S.A. There is obviously a lot more to see which I shall attempt to do before leaving in October 1970.

I do not dislike New Brunswick, which seems to be the popular thing to dislike. This may be because I haven't stayed very long in any other Province. Admittedly, one has to work fairly hard at keeping one's self amused but in the winter the skiing is very close and very cheap, and in the summer the Saint John River and associated waterways have endless possibilities. I regret to say I have not yet caught a celebrated Miramichi salmon, but I can boast the less celebrated  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " perch.

Finally, this is a good opportunity to thank those who have been very kind in showing me the many different facets of Canadian military life, and very tolerant when I didn't catch on too quickly. Before October, 1969, I expect to be fully conversant with your SOLO system, unification, PERs and organization. I can then spend my last year unwinding and catching up with my British Army revolutionary ideas. On second thought I don't think we've had any. I can't wait to dig out that boot polish again!

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FURTHER EXCHANGES  
By CAPT Archie Bell

When the last Springbok went to print "amalgamation", while inescapable, was still off in the hazy future. Well, it is now a fait accompli and the old Blues and the old Royals have been wedded into a single unit renamed, with marvelous originality, the Blues and Royals. The work involved in making the amalgamation happen was a bit hectic as every single item on charge to the unit had to be seen and counted. And all items not on charge but in our possession had to be counted, i.e. all those spares that the stores people had acquired over the years. Have you any idea how hard it is to separate the Quartermaster bloke from his buckshee stores? It was like pulling hen's teeth.

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However, eventually it was agreed that we had in our possession all the spoons, tea, stirring, for the use of, that we were supposed to have and the amalgamation proceeded. The RCD were well represented on the day of the parade by LCOL Kitchen and MAJORS Ron Brown and Ernie Wesson and CWO Brown. Everything went well until the afternoon when rain poured down during the parade at the tank lines but overall it was a highly successful day and the new unit was complimented accordingly by the Colonel of the Regiment, Field Marshall Gerald Templar. During his address the Colonel to the Regiment said he expected it to be the best tank unit in BAOR by the end of the year and it was this injunction in mind that the unit went to Soltou two weeks later for a period of troop level training. That the training was a success was due to hard work by all ranks and in my squadron the tanks had covered an average of almost 500 miles at the end of the three weeks. The vehicles stood up quite well but required a lot of work during the next few weeks to fit them for annual firing at Hohns in June and Battle Group Training in August.

Next on the agenda is an Escape and Evasion Exercise for troop teams in Bavaria and, to round out the year, higher formation training in September-October, which this year will be at divisional level.

But enough of these mundane military matters. Your correspondent must admit that he hasn't been earning that fantastic wage paid us by a grateful citizenry but instead has been away from the unit quite some little time on leave and course in the UK. The course in question was an Airportability Course at RAF Old Sarum, near Salisbury Plain, and the countryside was so delightful that following the course I went back to Germany, collected the better half and headed straight back to Salisbury via London. The weather, in contrast to what some readers may remember of England, has been great and the people even greater, especially that portion of the people who manage pubs. You see, I believe that if you want to meet people you must go where those people meet each other, and since Englishmen meet each other in pubs, why then, you must go to the pubs also. It's a very enjoyable way to see England.

Incidentally, I have a small note which may be of interest to the ex/Strathconas now in the ranks of the RCD. While on course I met Walt Reid who is now attached to the 17/21st Lancers and stationed in Northern Ireland. He is enjoying himself immensely but did mention that the base he is in is so far back in the bush they have to come out to hunt. Sounds like Gagetown!

However, back to the work-a-day world and I can report that the new regiment here goes from strength to strength and probably will be the best tank regiment in BAOR by 31 Dec 69. The personnel may have changed markedly but the same desire for excellence pervades the Blues and Royals as much as it did The Royal Canadian Dragoons.



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ON JOB TRAINING (OJT)

By CAPT B.M. Moore

On Job Training (OJT) has been adopted by the Canadian Forces as a means of providing servicemen with the trade skills and job "know how" required at various pay levels in all trades, and for various specialties. OJT is "performance-oriented". This form of training concentrates upon and emphasizes the requirement to do jobs, rather than the formal presentation and teaching of theory. Instruction for trainees consists of showing and demonstrating how the job is to be done, followed by practice under supervision until the required standard has been achieved. The key individuals in an OJT programme are the trainees and their NCOs and WOs. At the end of his OJT, the trainee should have no doubt that he is capable of doing his job to the required standard. At the same time, the instructor should have no doubt that he has produced a competent man at the specified level of performance.

The primary document governing the content and conduct of the On Job Training is the On Job Training Standard (OJTS). The OJTSs have been developed by a team of senior tradesmen from specifications outlined in the current Manual of Military Occupations. The OJTS contains a series of Learning Objectives stated in simple direct terms (Statement of Learning Objectives - SOLOs), which describe the duties that the trainee must be able to perform, the important conditions which must be observed during performance, and the acceptable standards of performance. All duties which the trainee must be able to perform are taken from governing Trade Specifications. Each duty has been separated into a series of related tasks; tasks have been divided into sub-tasks which are stated as learning objectives. When a tradesman can master the sub-tasks, a group of SOLOs, and the main duties, he is then considered for trades upgrading and related pay increase.

On 6 Jan 68 the RCD began conversion to On Job Training to qualify tradesmen to the standard set out in OJTS. This was considered a pilot programme to examine the practical application of the system, and provide guidance for proposed Corps-wide adoption. The main conclusions reached after the first year were that:

- a. The On Job Training Programme has created an excellent set of standards for individual crewman training.
- b. The majority of effort for the first 18 months of OJT is devoted to upgrading tradesmen that qualified under the old trades training system to the new standard.
- c. After the initial transition period the OJT system can be expected to work smoothly in tank regiments in Canada and Europe.

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In summary, the On Job Training provides servicemen with required skills and abilities, using their work benches, hangar floors and field training areas as lecture rooms with their own crew commanders and WOs acting as instructors. The tradesmen's tests or examinations are their demonstrated abilities to perform their duties to the satisfaction of well documented standards. It is not a new concept of training but is a concept that recognizes that, after basic training, all individuals must develop and improve their skills by practical training on real equipment. A major implication in the programme is the extra responsibility required for commanders and supervisors at all levels to treat the trainees as individuals, to tailor training expressly for each trainee, to monitor his progress, and know the trainee well enough to certify his competence in the performance of his duties.

## THINK GUNNERY

With the gun checks completed the Crew Commander gives his fire order and the first sound of the year screams down range. The sharp crack startles the on lookers and they fumble for their ear plugs. Spring Gun Camp has started.

Each Spring the BCD shake the cob webs off the road wheels and roll out to the range. The firing marks the end of the individual training period and the beginning of collective training.

This Spring's Gun Camp brings all the new gunners in the Regiment up to Pay Level 4 standard confirming the hours of time just spent in classrooms and on the Miniature Range. As well, it gives new Crew Commanders a chance to gain some valuable gunnery experience.

The gunners and Crew Commanders are guided through the complete list of shoot tankers can be called on to perform from direct fire with machine gun and cannon as to providing smoke and indirect shoots, stealing out of the Gunner's bag of tricks.

The crews progress through these shoots in phases first as individual crews and then as part of a troop. In the latter the Troop Leader not only has to direct the fire of his own tank but co-ordinate the fire of the other three tanks in his troop.

An Instructor Tank Gunnery (ITG) Team flew to Gagetown from the Combat Arms School for the occasion. Along with the unit gunnery staff, the ITG Team moved about, spreading wisdom and imparting the benefits of their experience to all.

When Gun Camp is completed the crews can spend a few day fishing, then it's back into the "agony wagons" and a summer of thundering across the boonies with the Black Watch.

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SCENES FROM GUN CAMP



THE FIRING POINT



CPL JOE EGAN AT THE CONTROLS



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SGT WADSWORTH OF THE REGIMENTAL GUNNERY TEAM  
CAREFULLY MONITORS THE SHOOT



SGT HENRY WYATT "TARPS OUT" BETWEEN SHOOTS

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An unusually heavy rain turned the field used for the initial Combat Team leaguer into a veritable quagmire. Fortunately the weather for the remaining three weeks was exceptionally good.

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"THINK MECH" the man said -

By CAPT D.A. Watkins

In his opening address on the 20th of May 69  
LCOL C.G. Kitchen, CD, Exercise Director, set  
the tone for the final field exercises of the  
first Combat Team Commanders' Course to be  
held in Canada.

Many months of concentrated planning and preparation by members of 3  
Combat Group and the Combat Arms School were culminated this spring when the  
final field exercises of the first Canadian Combat Team Commanders' Course  
were held at CFB Gagetown. The primary object of this course is to prepare  
Officers at the Senior Captain/Junior Major level for command positions in  
Canada's fully-mechanized land forces.

The course is modelled on the concept of operations in NWE, which  
provides an excellent vehicle for training in the command and control of  
tactical forces. The tempo of operations which may be anticipated in such a  
theatre dictates that commanders at all levels be adept in the manipulation  
of combined arms teams. At no level is professional skill in the handling of  
such forces more vital than at the level of the combat team. It was with  
great satisfaction, therefore, that 3 Combat Group joined in the task of  
organizing and running the course which trains the officers who will command  
these teams in the near future.

In the new "battle group" concept recently introduced in NWE, the  
combat team is the tactical force with which the outcome of an engagement  
is determined. Based on an armoured squadron or an infantry company, the  
team also includes elements of engineers and gunners as well as individuals  
from many other Corps. Modern tracked vehicles allow rapid deployment and  
manoeuvre across virtually all types of terrain. Fire and logistical support  
is available using helicopters and ground attack aircraft. With such an array  
of modern equipment the combat team is a formidable fighting force. With  
its introduction combined arms operations have become a reality in the  
Canadian Forces.

The course, of eight weeks duration, begins with five weeks at the  
Combat Arms School, CFB Borden. There basic principles are exposed by a  
progression through theory, cloth model displays, tactical exercises  
without troops (TEWTs) and skeleton exercises held at the training area  
at Meaford. The climax of the course occurs at Base Gagetown where the  
students spend three weeks of highly realistic exercises with a team based  
on a war establishment armoured squadron and infantry company, operating  
against a real enemy. Gagetown was selected as the location for this phase  
of the course as it is the only area in Canada with an armoured regiment  
and the scale of training area necessary to provide the realism desired.



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Realism unusual in peacetime training is achieved by the effective use of pyrotechnics, including buried charges to simulate the fall of gunfire called down by the students on enemy positions. Simulated casualties add to these effects.

The scope of the Gagetown phase of the course is to practise the command, control and tactical handling of a combat team in all phases of war. The students are familiarized with the Gagetown general manoeuvre area during a two-day TENT at the beginning of this period. This is followed by three four-day exercise periods separated by two days for equipment maintenance and rest. During the exercises each student rotates through different key positions in the combat team and echelon system.

The 3 Combat Group planning and preparation for the course began in earnest in Feb 69 with the appointment of the four-man team who carried out the detailed planning and exercise writing under the direction of the All Arms Working Group chaired by LCOL C.G. Kitchen, the Commanding Officer of The Royal Canadian Dragoons. The members of this team were MAJ D.B. Ellis, 1st Bn The Black Watch (RHR of Canada); MAJ D.E. Stothers, 2 RCHA; CAPT N.D. Ashton and CAPT D.A. Watkins, both of The Royal Canadian Dragoons. These officers also carried through as control staff for the exercises once the preparations were complete.

Sub-unit collective training involving "B" Sqn of The RCD commanded by MAJ C.A. Sangster and "A" Coy of 2 RHC commanded by MAJ J.R. MacPherson, began in April. By the beginning of the final exercise period the combat team reached a high degree of proficiency in combined mechanized operations.

The value to units of 3 Combat Group of taking part in this course cannot be overestimated. Unit personnel who were directly involved have learned valuable lessons in the tactics, organization and administration of the combat team. Even those not directly involved in this venture have, through the impact of the task on units, gained a greater awareness of the scale and importance of such training.

With the completion of the first Combat Team Commanders' Course twenty-four officers of the land forces and two from the air environment will be prepared to assume their new appointments with greater understanding of the task ahead of them than has been previously possible. The members of 3 Combat Group who advocated such a course and worked so hard to ensure its unqualified success may take pride in the knowledge that they have been a part of this achievement.

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Combined arms operations are the essence of Combat Team operations. Here an enemy position is hit by infantry and tanks advancing together.



Mortar section carriers and a Centurion Tank of the Combat Team move into a battle position at Dunn's Corner in the CFB Gagetown general manoeuvre area.



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REGIMENTAL SMG TEAMBy WO A.F. Jones

For the fifth consecutive year, the SMG Team from the Regiment will represent 3 Combat Group at the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition at the Cornaught Ranges in Ottawa. The team winning this honour is:

WO	Pete	Jones
SGT	Tom	Johnson
CPL	Bob	Foston
CPL	Terrie	LeBlanc
CPL	Kevin	Murphy
CPL	Russ	Pratt

In early June it was learned that the Regiment would be entering a team to shoot in the 3 Combat Group Competitions which were held during the week 7-11 July. Also, this year all team members would have to fire at least two weapons. The balloon went up and a MAYDAY went out for shooters. Only three previous SMG Team members remained. They were reinforced by SGT Tom Johnson, CPL Terrie LeBlanc and CPL Kevin Murphy. None of these three had ever been exposed to a competition shoot before.

Range space was difficult to obtain. The team usually had to share a range with one or two other units. By 7 Jul 69, being dedicated shooters, the team was ready and full of confidence. Although most of the time they practised with the SMG a few shots were fired with the C-2, "the second weapon", and three teams would be entered in the LAR Competition also.

On the 8th of July 69 at 0800 hrs, the "stalwart six" were at Range one and ready for the SMG Competition to begin. The RCD team found themselves competing against six other teams from 3 Combat Group. Under clear skies a determined glint in their eyes and a firm grip on their weapons, match one of the Competition began. At lunch time the team checked the standings board and found they had lost match two to 1 RHC by a small margin but were well ahead in points. During the afternoon black berets never looked back and gave no quarter. When the targets dropped at the end of match six and the scores were posted, the Dragoons team displayed a broad smile. The team had won the SMG Competition by 313 points.

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On 11 Jul 69 the LAR Team Competition began. The RCD entered one two-man team for match one, Fire and Movement from 500 to 300 yards, which is a very exhausting match even for an experienced shooter on the C-2. However, although CPLs Bob Foston and Russ Pratt lost the match they made a splendid showing and displayed magnificent team spirit. At 1000 hrs, relay one for LAR match three, Fire and Movement from 600 to 300 yards, was called to the firing point. The RCD team for relay one, SGT Tom Johnson, and CPLs Terrie LeBlanc and Kevin Murphy, reported to the mound with a twenty round loaded mag apiece and their trusty C-2. Up came the targets and they were off at a gallop; when the smoke and dust cleared the tired three returned to the sound vehicle for the results - 50 hits of RCD, good shooting. Relay two, WO Pete Jones, CPLs Bob Foston and Russ Pratt, lay prone on the 600 waiting for the targets to appear. Again the smoke and dust cleared with announced results showing RCD with 58 hits out of a possible 60.

The results for LAR match three were posted with:

RCD	- 97 points
2 RHC	- 99 points
2 RCHA	- 103 points

A commendable combined team effort.

At the awards ceremony the RCD received the cup for being 3 Combat Group SMG Champions; individual prizes were also awarded to all team members.

CPL Russ Pratt won the SMG high aggregate with a total score for the six matches of 382 points out of a possible 470. All members of the team placed well on the tally board. Again a record was upheld in that this makes the sixth consecutive year that the RCD SMG Team has been unbeaten in competition in match six.

The RCD Team will practise on the Base Gagetown Ranges for about three weeks before their move to the Connaught Ranges in Ottawa for the final round of the Canadian Forces Championship Competitions being held from 10 to 15 Aug 69.

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Editor's Note - The RCD team ranked 5th overall at Connaught (SMG) and CPL Bob Foston won the Match 7, Firing from the Hip honours.



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A STATEMENT

By CAPT JWS Lewis

Last night I had a vision which should bring me lots of votes,  
I'm not equipped for visions, so I didn't take down notes,  
But the message that got through my brain  
Is 'Push the army down the drain!  
Well not push it but attritt it.

A verb used by very few,  
But means to push it down the drain or flush it down the loo.  
Confuse it, abuse it, misuse it as best I can,  
Issue snowploughs not tanks to every armoured man.  
I'll let the infantry continue to play  
They're confused enough already and will quickly fade away.

We'll keep a submarine and a rocket hide them here and there,  
If the Yanks want to invade us I'm sure they'll play if fair,  
And come with flowers and a big fat check,  
We'll all go on welfare, what the heck.

Comment

Where have all the soldiers gone  
The French are storming Parliament Hill.

Where have all the soldiers gone  
There's a riot at McGill.

The Germans are going quite insane  
Give me back my army again.

When will we ever learn,  
When will we ever learn.

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### LILIEFONTEIN REUNION WEEKEND (1968)

By CAPT J.J. Gallant

The 68th Anniversary of Lilliefontein was held at the Regiment on the weekend of 8-11 Nov 68. As so stated, the Regiment won three Victoria Crosses in this gallant action.

Our guests and old comrades commenced arriving on Wednesday and by Saturday all were once again quartered in the RCD Lines. I can only record the formal activities that took place. The informal is to remain unrecorded by the secret circle of Lilliefontein revellers.

In direct support for the weekend was "D" Battery, 2 RCHA. "D" Battery was in the action at Lilliefontein and although the personnel have changed the fine spirit remains. The weekend started on Thursday at the 2 RCHA Officer's Mess with a colourfull presentation by "D" Battery. The uniforms were authentic, the characters unbelievable and the draught cold. It was an excellent start for a fine weekend.

On Friday the old comrades and guests were invited to the respective messes to renew acquaintances. The exact activities cannot, for obvious reasons, be recorded; however, I can say that a good time was had by all.

On Saturday the RCD Museum was officially opened by the Colonel of the Regiment, BGEN PHILLIPS. In attendance was RADM C.J. DILLON (War Museum Ottawa) who gave the museum the verbal official seal of approval. The efforts of CAPT K.R.T. SEELEY and SGT A.P. DIVETO must be recognized at this time as they were the driving and working force that made the occasion possible. The Regiment is in their debt.

CAPT D.A. WATKIN's tabloid provided excellent entertainment during the cool afternoon. All Squadrons and "D" Battery were entered and when the dust had cleared a smiling gunner team was declared winner.

The weekend peaked on Saturday evening when Mess Dinners and Games Nights were held in respective messes. Again this author is not permitted to divulge names or incidents; however, the following remark was overheard, "I don't know why my head hurts, I didn't use it last night."

The pace slowed temporarily on Sunday when church services were held in the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches. Following the services a family luncheon was held.

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On Monday all ranks gathered at the RCD Memorial and paid tribute to our fallen comrades. This was the finale to the Lilliefontein celebrations for 1968.

Some of the guests attending were RADM C.J. DILLON, COL M.H. BATEMAN, COL P.V.B. GRIEVE, LCOL W.T.E. FINAN, the late LCOL K.I. JEFFERSON, LCDR C. WILLIAMS RN, LCOL J.R. HEVERAGE, MAJ R.I. JENKINS, CAPT T.A. BARNES (HMCS Stadacona), CAPT P.R. BAVO and CAPT J. THOMSON.

Planning for the 69th Anniversary is underway and advance warning should be distributed by October. We are looking forward to meeting more old comrades and extra regimentally employed serving personnel.

### LILLIEFONTEIN '69

By LT J.A. Winship

The weekend of 7-11 Nov saw the 69th Anniversary of the action at Lilliefontein. For new members of the Regiment such as myself it was a first chance to feel a true retrospect to those heroic men who exemplified the spirit and valour of the Regiment, and for seasoned members it was a customary annual event which helps to maintain many of the feelings toward the Regiment. A close association with "D" Battery, 2 RCHA which dates back to 1900 at Lilliefontein drew these people once again in on the festivities.

The weekend began on the 7th in the afternoon with an all ranks smoker. Preparation for this event took some days as an orderly parade was laid on to visit SGT DIVETO so over a period of time we all became kitted with Regimental ties. The afternoon progressed quite quickly and everyone enjoyed the chance to mix in conversation and relaxation.

Saturday, the 8th saw functions at all messes. For the Officers there was a dance preceded by cocktails and buffet. The Sergeants enjoyed a formal dinner dance while the Corporals and Troopers entertained with a candlelight dinner. We were fortunate to have in attendance the RCA band from Montreal to provide music for these functions.

Sunday started as a day of rest with church services in the chapels but the rest was not long lived. The messes were soon to be "livened" by younger members as family luncheons followed the church services. For those who chose to go, there was a vehicle display in the well cleaned hangar area later in the afternoon.

Monday everyone got to sleep in and that night we broke loose again with mess dinners in the Officer's and Sergeant's Messes. As always, these were successes, though a number of "subbies" have been heard to grumble about a failure to use their well oiled throwing arms.

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On the 11th the air of revelry was subdued as we gathered at RHQ for Remembrance Day services. Again the RCA band was in attendance.

Following the service mixed luncheons were held in the messes and it could be seen that many people had to recover from more than just the frosty cold of the morning. The service of the morning was a fitting way to wind up the celebration of Lilliefontein for another year.

We were fortunate to have the Colonel of the Regiment, BGEN PHILLIPS, present for most of the weekend and many had a chance to speak with him.

Much as anticipated, the celebration of the weekend was very appropriate, as one cannot help but think back to 1900 from time to time for it is brought to mind by a most enjoyable weekend.

### REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY WEEKEND (1969)

By LT R.W. Clifford

The annual Regimental Birthday Weekend was held this year from 23-25 May. In keeping with the policy of the CO, LCOL C.G. KITCHEN, the weekend was not a test of the Regiments endurance, but rather a celebration somewhat toned down from past birthday parties.

The celebrations commenced with a tug of war; participating were teams from HQ, A and B Sqns and a team from Maintenance Troop. When the action ceased "B" Sqn under the leadership of SSM BOB WALLACE had out pulled the rest. At this point the Regiment retired to the Cambrai Club for the smoker. Of particular interest, especially to the Officers and Snr NCO's was a new piece of electronic wizardry - a visual juke box. And what visions! Enough to please the most discriminating. With some regret the Officers were forced to retire to their own territory for a mess dinner.

The ladies were welcomed into the celebrations on Saturday evening. The all ranks dance was a resounding success thanks to the band (from the R22eR) and the efforts of the dance committee, who saw fit to feed us steak that evening.

The weekend was quietly rounded off with a church service and a family luncheon.

The only aspect which mared the weekend was the unwilling absence of the Colonel of the Regiment, BGEN H.A. PHILLIPS who regrettably was ill and could not attend.



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CHANGE OF COMMAND WEEKEND

By Lt W.R. Blair

On August 4, LCOL C.G. Kitchen handed command of the Regiment over to LCOL R.D. Gross. The Change of Command Ceremonies and Parade climaxed a weekend of social activities during which the Regiment bid farewell to the outgoing Commanding Officer and welcomed the new in proper Dragoon style.

The weekend began with an Officer's Mess Dinner at which the guest of honour was the Deputy Commander COL H.E. Theobald. In his farewell speech LCOL Kitchen observed that the Canadian Armed Forces were going through a period of great and rapid change. The result of this change will be a modern Force that will offer challenging career opportunities to the professional soldier. The Officers and NCO's of the new land element will, however, have to adopt progressive methods of man management if success is to be achieved. Changes in technology and the evolution of warfare and our rolls will require leaders to ensure the maximum development of the individual soldier's talents and potential. The professional soldier will be required to accept far greater responsibilities and must be trained accordingly. Following his speech, LCOL Kitchen was mugged out by the Officer's Mess and was presented with his saddle blanket with the Commanding Officer's call sign emblazoned on it.

Saturday evening saw festivities in both the Officer's and the Sergeant's Messes. The Officers held a farewell ball in honour of LCOL and Mrs. Kitchen. At the ball, LCOL Kitchen was presented with an original artistic rendering of a historical map of the Maritimes. MAJ Altwasser also presented him with a 2 Fd Sqn plaque as a symbol of the close ties that were maintained between the RCD and the Field Squadron during LCOL Kitchen's tour. At the Sergeant's Mess CWO E.A. Brown, RSM presented the retiring Commanding Officer with a marble desk set on behalf of the Senior NCO's. Both messes gave Mrs. Kitchen a dozen long stem roses in appreciation for her interest and activities on behalf of the Regiment.

The Parade on Monday climaxed the weekend. BGEN J.L. Drewry was the guest of honour at the Parade and presided over the Change of Command ceremonies. The Commander granted LCOL Kitchen the honour of declining to inspect the Regiment and praised his achievements in the RCD and his many contributions to the Combat Group. The final stage of the Parade consisted of a Regimental Mounted March Past under command of the new Commanding Officer, LCOL R.D. Gross.

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LCOL KITCHEN LEADS THE INSPECTING PARTY

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MUSEUM MEMOIRS

By SGT A.P. DiVeto

Since the museum opened in new quarters November 1968 interest has been revived and has reached a new peak. The museum is comprised of three rooms and a hallway with every inch of space utilized. There are high expectations of acquiring another room (Powers that be, please note).

The main object at this time of writing is to request that as many military artifacts, RCD or otherwise, be donated as soon as possible as they are becoming more difficult to obtain as each year goes by. We are desperately in need of World War I articles of clothing and equipment of any sort and also World War II equipment.

To date the list of donors include:

- CAPT B.P. Purdy, once again with numerous items of wearing apparel and a .45 calibre pistol of World War I vintage.
- A tank suit worn by World War II tank crews, plus a World War II Nazi flag, insignia and badges of rank, plus books from LCOL C.H. Graham.
- From CPL Mifsud, ex-RCD, a bayonet and scabbard, Army and civilian type .577 calibre Snyder Enfield ammunition Circa 1866, and a .577-45 calibre round used in the Martin-Henry rifle by the Boers against the RCD in South Africa 1900.
- An inscribed cane made from a door of a French building demolished during World War I. The cane belonged to the late IGEN Sir Richard Turner, VC KCB DSO VD and was presented by his son, MAJ Harold Turner, DSO (Ret).
- Old training pamphlets from WO "Bob" Conrad obtained during his posting to Newfoundland.
- Battledress, packs and straps from SGT "Bill" Hill, C Pro C, attached for three years.

These items plus twelve mannequins have helped immensely in making an attractive display of various types and periods of uniforms worn by RCD personnel over the past eighty years.

All donations however small are appreciated and will be advantageously displayed and recognition given to donors. If possible, a short resume should accompany any artifacts for recording and information purposes. Donations may be sent COLLECT to:

The Royal Canadian Dragoons  
Cambrai Barracks  
Canadian Forces Base Gagetown  
Oremocto, N.B.



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SURVIVORS OVERSEAS CONTINGENT31 Oct - 15 Nov 1968

By LCOL F. Hilton Wilkes



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In order to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the armistice which ended World War I, the Canadian Government arranged to send a representative from each unit of the Canadian Expeditionary Force back to the battlefields to pay tribute to those who did not return.

When I was informed that I had been selected to represent The Royal Canadian Dragoons on the "Survivors Overseas Contingent" I felt greatly honoured although I realized that my qualification for this distinction was the length of my service with the unit during World War I. I joined the Regiment at Valcartier in August of 1914, became Captain and Adjutant in December 1915 and remained with the Regiment throughout the war.

I trust that this will serve to introduce me to the present members of the Regiment and that they will find interest in the following "mini" report of the activities of their representative.

Through the efficient services of the Department of Veterans Affairs the contingent assembled in Ottawa on October 31st and left early the next morning by RCAF Yukon for Brussels. We arrived in Brussels at 1:30 a.m., November 2nd. (Albert Hotel)

Nov 2nd. Left Brussels at 1400 hrs for a ceremony at Monument de Terre-Neuve at COURTRAI, enroute to LILLE. Some of the "survivors" including myself were put up at Bellevue Hotel, and the others at Royal Hotel. We all dined that night at the Royal Hotel, a few blocks away.

Nov 3rd. Bussed to Ypres for service at St. George's Memorial Church (Anglican) at 11 a.m. Lunch at restaurant in square. Vin d'Honneur at Hall d'Ypres with speeches and champagne - plenty of both. Later wreaths were placed at the Menin Gate, where First and Last Post are still sounded every night in memory of the Canadians.

Nov 4th. Took buses for Hill 62, SANCTUARY WOOD, for ceremony and placing of four wreaths, Army, Air Force, Veterans and local. I met LCOL Edmund Blair, RCD, who is serving at SHAPE. We later lunched in Ypres after which we held a ceremony at PASSCHENDAELE memorial. Most of the memorials are the same design but with different settings and approaches.

Nov 5th. Ceremony at Newfoundland's memorial (before Newfoundland was a Province of Canada) at MONCHY-LE-PREUX, the DURY memorial and the Newfoundland memorial at MASNIERES. Lunch later at CAMBRAI. In the afternoon we held a ceremony at BOURLON WOOD, where it was my turn to place a wreath on the memorial.

Nov 6th. Joined the party going to WIMEREAU, near BOLOUGNE where each of us placed a poppy on the grave of LCOL John McRae, the author of "In Flanders Fields", who is buried in the Communal Cemetery there. A group of children of Canadian service personnel recited the poem and pictures were taken by the CBC.

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Nov 7th. Ceremony at LE QUESNEL memorial - met the Mayor of AMIENS. While in Amiens there was time to visit the Cathedral and I was delighted to see that our Royal Canadian Dragoons memorial was well cared for.

Nov 8th. Left at 0900 hours for VIMY. Unfortunately there was thick fog and it was impossible to take pictures. However, we held a ceremony, placed wreaths, had First and Last Post, and the Piper played a lament on his bagpipes on the ramparts which we could barely see through the dense fog. The CBC tried to take a group photograph, but I doubt if it was successful. We were conducted through the trenches surrounding the VIMY MEMORIAL, then back to LILIE in the evening to dine, pack and retire.

Nov 9th. One group left for MONS and the rest for PARIS. I joined the latter and arrived at Grant Hotel Terminus Saint Lazare. Some of us attended a rather different ceremony at the Moulin Rouge in the evening.

Nov 11th. Some of us attended 11 a.m. Service at Embassy Church where the British Ambassador and his family were in attendance. Bands, pipers, flags, and armistice ceremonies were in evidence during the service.

Vin d'Honneur at the City Hall at 2030 hours. Brigadier Jimmy d'Lalanne, CBE, MC and Bar, and I were made members of "MADEION" (Amicale des Anciens Combattants) and presented with a small bronze lapel shield with "Rien d'Impossible" at the top and "103/R.I." at the bottom of the shield. The General who made the surprise gesture was head of the Legion of Honour and had a most delightful daughter (or granddaughter!). A bus took us to see the Armistice Parade. We were given seats adjoining the covered reviewing stand and just opposite the TV cameras. The mounted Chasseurs on their chestnut horses (all matched) were a sight to delight the eyes of an old horse cavalry officer, and the turnouts and dressing in general were excellent.

Nov 12th. Vin d'Honneur at Ambassador's residence. More champagne and fewer speeches.

Nov 13th. Reception at Canadian Ambassador's residence. A very elegant building. Met Ian Clarke and Major Garneau who represented the Ambassador and were most gracious.

Nov 14th. We all departed for home on another Yukon under the excellent control of the RCAF.

In closing, may I thank you for permitting me to be your representative among the "Anciens Combattants" and may I assure you all of my best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.



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ONE ACTION: THREE VCS

By MWO J.L. Wilson

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A vicious running fight on the banks of the Komati River in South Africa's province of Transvaal, 69 years ago, destroyed a belief and created a unique story of Canadian heroism.

In November 1900, it was generally believed that the war in South Africa - underway since 11 October 1899 - had ended. The Boer armies had been smashed. The president of the Transvaal Republic, Paul Kruger, had fled his country. Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who since January 1900, had commanded the forces of the British Empire in South Africa, was on his way home.

The Boers, however, weren't convinced that the war was over. For another year and a half they were to mount raids and harassments which resulted in hundreds of vigorous and bloody actions.

In one of these actions, fought in the area of Liliefontein on the Komati River, three Canadians, members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, won the Victoria Cross. They were Lieutenant Hampden Zane Churchill Cockburn, of Toronto; Lieutenant Richard Ernest William Turner, of Quebec City; and Sergeant Edward James Gibson Holland, of Ottawa.

On 1 November, General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, commanding a flying column of infantry, artillery, engineers and cavalry, to which the Royal Canadian Dragoons were attached, outlined plans for a raid on a Boer laager at Witkloof. This laager had been identified as the source of repeated interference with the British railway line connecting Pretoria with the Portuguese port of Lourenco Marques.

That same night, the expedition, in two columns, marched south from Belfast in a rain which eventually turned to freezing sleet whipped along by gale-force winds.

The columns covered some 15 miles in 12 hours. Then at 7:30 a.m., as ordered, the staggering men and stumbling horses converged at a place called Vanwyksvlei. An enemy detachment located there, unprepared for the sudden appearance of the columns, and fortunately unaware of their exhaustion, galloped away.

Shortly afterward General Smith-Dorrien also ordered his columns to return to base at Belfast. The weather continued foul and this, coupled with the state of his men and their mounts, had convinced him that a continued march and attack on Witkloof could only end in disaster.

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Meanwhile, the routed detachment of Boers was watching the enemy columns from the hills. When certain that a retirement was underway, they rode down to attack one of the columns made up of a squadron of Fifth Lancers, two field guns, and two companies of Gordon Highlanders. Some of the Royal Canadian Dragoons galloped into assist the engaged British units and the attacking Boers were driven off.

The skirmish was a hint of the fight to follow.

A few days later, General Smith-Dorrien, determined to regain the fortunes of the first expedition, decided to destroy the farms that the Boers had used as outposts and camps during their first attack on the column, and to clear out all the enemy laagers from Witkloof of Lilliefontein.

At 3:30 a.m., 6 November, Sir Horace marched out again with a force of 250 mounted troops, including the Royal Canadian Dragoons, 900 infantry, and artillery.

Four hours later the advance guards of the column made contact with the Boers near Erstelingfontein, and in sharp fight drove them back through Vanwyksvlei and onto the Komati River where the enemy established a strong line from Witkloof to Lilliefontein. From this lodgement the Boers held their attackers at bay until 4 p.m., when their position was turned. Then the Boers evacuated their stronghold and scrambled across the river toward Carolina. Afterwards, the attacking force advanced along the high ground to Lilliefontein and bivouacked for the night.

General Smith-Dorrien resumed the battle at 7:30 a.m., 7 November. But instead of attacking across the Komati and moving against Carolina -- the obvious course -- he surprised the Boers by sending his column east along the northern bank of the Komati.

This movement drew the Boers down from the slopes around Carolina in a wild charge in hopes of a quick victory. But when several hundred of the mounted Boers were exposed on the plain the column's field guns smashed at them over open sights and drove the survivors back in confusion.

The Boers were not long in reorganizing. Their next move, after being heavily reinforced, was to send a large body of horsemen to the northeast and down the right bank of the river in an attempt to cut off the flying column from its base at Belfast.

To counter this, General Smith-Dorrien ordered the main column of infantry, baggage and heavy guns to withdraw, and detailed the Royal Canadian Dragoons, supported by two field guns of the Royal Canadian Artillery, as the rear guard.



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At 10:30 a.m., shortly after the column began this movement, some 200 mounted Boers swept out of concealment and charged the guns under the command of Lieutenant E.W.B. Morrison, RCA.

At this point, Lieutenant Cockburn slashed in with two troops of Dragoons and placed himself and his troops between the Boers and the guns. Then the dismounted Dragoons engaged the galloping attackers with rifle fire. The Boers drove to within 70 yards of the guns before the guns were limbered up and dragged away. But Cockburn was captured, as were those of his men who were not killed or wounded.

For two hours after the sacrifice of Cockburn's troops, the two mounted and highly mobile forces attacked and counter-attacked in a swirling, bitter fight. The Boers strove to reach and overwhelm the guns; and the Dragoons, supported by the guns which alternately fired and retreated, rode out again and again to blunt the charges of the Boers.

At 2:00 p.m., the Boers, realizing that the guns were approaching the point of assured escape, launched another concerted attack to capture them. They galloped to within 200 yards of the prizes and brought to bear their heaviest concentration of rifle fire. This time, Lieutenant Turner, although wounded in the neck and arm, led his troops against the Boers as Cockburn had done.

It was at this stage of the action that Sergeant Holland was singled out for attention by the Boers. They attempted to surround him and capture the Colt-Gatling machine gun with which Holland had been inflicting severe damage. Since the horse which drew the gun carriage had collapsed, it seemed inevitable that the Boers would soon have the weapon.

But Holland had other ideas. He detached the hot and skin-blistering barrel from the machine gun and began a staggering run toward the limber of one of the field guns which was getting ready to move off. One of the gunners, hearing someone shout to "Wait for Eddie Holland," ran back to help Holland get aboard the limber just before it was driven away.

Lieutenant Morrison, who commanded the two field guns, and who was to win the Distinguished Service Order for his gallantry during the days fighting, later reported that the Boers attempted to turn Holland's Colt-Gatling carriage toward his guns, believing that the weapon was intact. When they realized the uselessness of their prize they vented their anger by pausing in the battle to set fire to the carriage.

In fact, the many frustrations in this second attack on the guns so discouraged the Boers that, after one last flurry of heavy firing, they broke off the action. Then they trailed the column for a few miles, keeping about 2,000 yards away. At 4:00 p.m., they discontinued the pursuit.

On 23 April 1901 the London Gazette announced that Lieutenants Cockburn and Turner, and Sergeant Holland, had each been awarded the Victoria Cross for valour at Lilliefontein.

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(The following article was contributed by  
MCEN C.C. Mann, CBE DSO CD)

A cheap cafe, loud with jukebox music, marks the site now. Outside, a signboard in English, French and Flemish informs the tourist who has toiled up the long rise from the Menin Road, main artery of the First World War Ypres salient, that this was once the immortal battlefield of Sanctuary Wood.

The battlefield, or what is left of it, is in the back garden. For five francs and a touch of imagination, you step back 50 years, into grassgrown trenches and bank dugouts, past sad heaps of rusty bullet-torn tin hats and the antiquated weapons of 1914-18.

It is oddly quiet in the little wood at the end of the garden. Scarred, dead stumps of trees loom ghostly amid young green foliage above what was once the Canadian front line. Here on June 2nd, 1916, men of the Canadian Corps were mowed down by the heaviest artillery bombardment seen up to that point in the war.

After 12 days of heroic resistance and counter-attack, during which Canadian artillerymen were reduced to defending their guns at revolver point, total Canadian casualties numbered about 9,000. Never was a battlefield named with more bitter irony.

### FORMED KEY BULWARK

By 1916 the Ypres salient was the most dreaded part of the Western front for the fighting men of both sides. A broad semi-circle of low lying clay fields around the gabled, medieval city of Ypres, it formed the Allied bulwark between the advancing Germans and the Channel ports.

The war here had become almost static, with the opposing crouched in a web of trenches that turned to water-logged death traps in the wet Flanders weather. Thousands died each day for the gain or defence of a few hundred yards of shell-torn mud.

By June, 1916, the Germans held most of the ridge of low hills around the salient, giving them a commanding field of fire. Only one part of the crest was in Allied hands. Held by the Canadian 3rd Division, under LGEN M.S. Mercer, it formed the most easterly projection of the salient into enemy territory and guarded one of the main approaches to Ypres.

The chief Canadian vantage points were a flat knoll called Mount Sorrell and two higher rises known as Hills 61 and 62. Northwards the ground fell away to the Menin Road, the long straight highway to Ypres down which men and machines were funnelled to the front lines. From Hill 62 a broad spur named Observatory Ridge thrust westwards between two small woods, Arnag Wood and Sanctuary Wood.



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## EXTENDED TRENCHES

During May, Canadian patrols reported German reconnaissance trenches being pushed towards Hill 62. The Germans also appeared to be bringing up more heavy artillery, but weather conditions made continuous observation impossible.

Opposing the Canadian 7th and 8th Brigades at this crucial point in the front line were two divisions of the Kaiser's crack Wurttemberger Corps. The Canadian 7th Brigade included two of Canada's most famous infantry regiments, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and The Royal Canadian Regiment; the 8th Brigade comprised five battalions of the Canadian Mounted Rifles and a trench mortar battery. The fact that the clash was between two proud national corps seemed to strengthen the determination of each side to win.

The morning of June 2 dawned clear and sunny. At 6 a.m. MGEN Mercer and BOEN Victor Williams, (CO of the RCD 1907 - 1912), commanding the 8th Brigade, set out on a tour of inspection. They had just reached the front line trenches of the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles when the air exploded with the heaviest shell barrage any Allied troops had encountered in 22 months of war.

ALMOST WIPE<sup>d</sup> OUT

For four hours a torrent of gunfire ravaged the Canadian positions, with the worst brunt falling on the 8th Brigade. The 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles were practically annihilated with 89 per cent casualties. Mercer was killed, Williams wounded and taken prisoner.

At one point the air was so thick with flying shells a survivor recalled hearing two shells meet head-on "with a shriek like a woman in agony". Private Gordon Jarret, an Englishman who joined the Patricias in Canada and who believes he was the last man taken prisoner at Sanctuary Wood, recalls the German infantry advancing with a confident, almost leisurely air "in perfect line formation," towards the Canadian trenches.

Fierce hand-to-hand fighting followed in which the Germans used flame-throwers when they met particularly tough resistance. In a few hours the Wurttembergers had seized Armag Wood. The surviving Patricias under their popular commanding officer, LCOL H.C. Buller, launched a brave counter-attack as the Germans swept up to their section of the line. Buller was killed urging his men on. Sanctuary Wood cost the Patricias 400 casualties, including 150 dead.

## FAILED TO FOLLOW UP

This was the only time during the war that Canadian Corps guns fell into German hands. They were later recaptured.

The road to Ypres now lay open to the Germans. But, as in so many cases during the Flanders campaign, they failed to take full advantage of the situation, apparently taken by surprise at their success. Instead of attempting to roll up the Canadian left wing held by the Patricias and backed by the RCR, they followed orders issued before the battle and dug in about 700 yards from the

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original line.

The newly appointed Canadian Commander-in-Chief, LGEN Sir Julian Byng, a British cavalry officer destined to become Governor General of Canada, ordered all ground lost to be retaken in a counter-attack early the next morning. Two brigades of the 1st Division moved into replace the heavy losses of the 3rd Division. The Canadians advanced 1,000 yards but the operation was only a partial success. A second counter-attack was set up for June 6, then postponed for a week because of bad weather.

Meanwhile the British Commander-in-Chief, Sir Douglas Haig, was busy preparing his massive Somme offensive. He wanted to expel the Germans from their vantage point north of Ypres but was reluctant to divert British reinforcements from the Somme. Haig sent one brigade of artillery and one of infantry to support the Canadian Corps, instructing that the counter-attack concentrate on a heavy artillery barrage. The new operation was to be spear-headed by the Canadian 1st Division under LGEN A.W. Currie. The Canadian mustered 218 guns one of the biggest concentrations ever seen on such a narrow front.

Four times between June 6 and June 12 short, intense bombardments deluded the enemy into thinking the attack was underway. Then on June 12 Canadian guns pounded the German lines for a solid 10 hours. Early on June 13 the infantry moved in, led by Toronto troops of the 34th Battalion, closely followed by Canadian Highlanders.

### LAST GROUND TAKEN

Before the night was over the Allied line had been re-established and 200 Wurtembergers taken prisoner. The first Canadian planned attack of the war had been "an unqualified success", said British official history. Between June 2 and June 14 the Canadian Corps suffered some 9,000 losses. Total German casualties were 5,765.

Today a grove of maple trees, planted by the Canadian Government after the war, shades a plain, six-sided white stone memorial on Hill 62. Its twin looks down from Passchendaele Ridge, a few miles to the northwest, where after the three-month slaughter of 1917 the Canadian 2nd Division finally captured the remains of Passchendaele village.

In the early summer of 1916 Sanctuary Wood struck a chord of unparalleled horror in the public mind. The Somme and Passchendaele were still to come.



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(The following is a reprint of a diary submitted by Mr. Russ Penfold relating his experience during a phase of WW II. Mr. Penfold served with the Dragoons from 1941-45 as a Tpr/LCpl in 2nd Tp B Sqn. At present he resides at 1837 Labadie Rd, Windsor, Ontario)

DIARY OF TPR PENFOLDAUG 44 - JAN 46

Aug 26th - This should prove interesting, if I finish it. Moved up this morning. Up at 0230 hrs. Left old camp at 0330. Arrived here at approximately 0630 hrs. Had a nice welcome. Dirty bastard was shelling tiny village and cross-roads one half mile from our area when we came in. Shelling stopped at 0715 hrs. No damage. Good show. We are approximately six miles behind forward positions. Tonight is the start, 2000 guns in the Arty barrage! That will give him hell. The 1st Division Infantry go in at dawn. Poor devils. Sicily, the Morro, Gustav and Hitler lines and now the Gothic. Not to mention a hellish winter in the mud at Ortona. I know. Had a taste of it and would sooner be dead than spend another winter in Italy. We will not be going in for 3 or 4 days. So all we can do is sit on our a-- and wait. Don't like it, but we must.

Aug 27th - Not much to report. Moved forward eleven miles. Crossed river. Gothic Line about four miles from here, I reckon. Arty is giving 'em hell. Our trip was uneventful today. Except my bloody car went on the blink - points. Put in a new set and she is OK again. Nearly four thousand miles on her. Not bad. Average life of a Diamler is twenty-five hundred. Who says front line troops don't eat. Last night we had turkey. Tonight it was goose and we still have a live goose. Good show. Eat, drink and be merry. Ho! Hum! Time to get some shut-eye.

Aug 28th - This is the morning of the 29th. Wasn't able to write yesterday and didn't know if I was going to be able to today. A brief account of 27 hours of action. Got up at 0100 hrs on morning of 28th. Advanced slowly towards front arriving at first light. First recce formation went in 15 minutes later. Advanced two miles by 0900 hrs. No ground forces met but under mortar and shell fire from high ground in Gothic. We went forward at 0930. Left main road and approached high ground looking down into valley, which is start of Gothic. Ordered to recce group of farm houses for 0 Pip. Jerry lands two direct hits on house as we approach. Ordered to withdraw. Sun-ray decides to take up alternative position on slightly lower ground 200 yds over on right flank. We advance. All clear, so we enter farm house. Nearly shot a WOP. Thought he was a Jerry. 1st Recce Troop already here. But they came from the left across country. The wine is flowing freely so we all have a drink. Need it, too! 1st Recce Troop received orders to advance over hill, down reverse slope to

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river bank and recce for possible crossing. Wish 'em luck because they will have a hot reception. Ten minutes later, and my hunch is correct. CPL Ford and his driver Gilham have both been wounded by mortar fire. Ford is dying. I ran almost a mile to get first aid. Too late. He has passed on. God-damn Jerry! Ford was one of the best men in the squadron. Gilly is OK. Poor old Ford got it through the neck. Severed his windpipe. Now rest of squadron have advanced and take up defensive positions around tac HQ. Jerry has 5 Scout Cars pinned down at cross roads three quarter of a mile ahead. Our 75's are giving them covering fire. Cars rescued later under cover of darkness. Next two hours is hell. He has our area taped. Nearly 500 mortars and shells land in 300 yard area in 2 hours and not one a direct hit! I'm leaving now. Another chap, Boyd has been slightly wounded in the head. Takin him to first aid post. Hope he don't shell us going out! Made it back. Wound dressed. We had a bite to eat and start up again. Admire this guy Boyd. MO said he could stay out, but he is going back in. Guts! Things starting to quiet down. Sun is going down too. Hope it hurrys!

Another trip out. Was mortared this time. Trapped in gully for ten minutes, but got out with a whole skin. Going to get Major of squadron that relieves us at 0400 hrs tomorrow morning. Can't come too soon. Rest of night OK but this morning buried CPL Ford. Now we can sleep for 6 hours. Good show!

Aug 29th - Nothing of importance. Sleep, maintenance and a couple of hot meals for a change.

Aug 30th - Still nothing much. Moved up approximately four miles, 200 yards beyond the spot we recce two days ago. Just down to our right is "bloody" cross-roads where Ford was killed. Really amazing what they have done in 48 hours though. Lorries, tanks, and equipment are plowing through. Bulldozers and cats are busy carving out new and easier routes. No shelling now. Seems very peaceful to what it was. Oh! Oh! Just came back from an O Group. Tomorrow should be an interesting day. 3rd Brigade of 1st Division is putting an attack on main Gothic line. If it comes off C and D Squadrons go in at first light. And 1st and 2nd Recce Troops of our squadron go in with one or the other in support. And 2nd recce is us! Will be a thrill to be first troops to get beyond Gothic. But maybe a wee bit dangerous. What the hell! A man can't live forever.

Aug 31st - A red letter day! Greatest day of my life as far as action is concerned. Went in with D Squadron. Took up position at 0400 hrs and at first light was ordered forward. Our role (2nd Recce Troop) was an easy one. Or, so we thought. We're to advance one mile to south side of river (Foligia), take up a stationary O position and keep a sharp lookout for any Jerry patrols and armoured thrusts from the right flank. Tac HQ figured he might try to cut 3rd Brigade off. OK. We take up our posts in an olive grove and all is quiet and peaceful. Then the SOB opened up with his mortar and H.E. 88's and 105's



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and to complicate matters, fire was going over our head from the rear. We tried to get in contact with our troop officer but couldn't get through. Then we saw him withdrawing and done similar. On way out he plastered a house as we went by and hunks of shrapnel and bricks came down on us. God, was I scared. So was Eddie. But we got out. Then found CPL Cunning and his driver were still in. So Sgt and Fisher went back on foot patrol. They had decided to stay in under cover. Rest of day was interesting but none so close. Crossed river further down and advanced 500 yards in Gothic. Reported crossing OK for heavy cars. Then squadron receives orders to withdraw to south of river. One hour later retire two miles to harbour for night. Then I'll be damned if I didn't roll my car over on a side hill. Wasn't hurt but scared again. Leg bruised a bit by sand-bags falling on it. Rest of squadron left at midnight. We are still here. Tomorrow I'll go back and find a recovery post in the morning. Then back in at 'em again. Must get some sleep now. Jerry has stopped shelling road so its OK. Damn, haven't shot a Jerry yet. Two more wounded today. A leg blown off and a fractured skull.

Sep 1st - Managed to get a recovery wagon to haul me out. Then we went back to A Ech and asked for a map co-ordinate of our squadron. They gave it to us, but told us we have to wait until evening and take a replacement vehicle up as well. Damn! We laid around all day. Then at 0900 hrs we started up with petrol and ammo lorries. Traffic jam, and didn't hit squadron area until 0300 hrs. My God! tired and mad. Squadron had a good day. Fifteen Jerrys killed, several prisoners and M.G. nests and mortar crews. Good show. But we missed it. But we are going back in tonight.

Sep 2nd - Fooled again. We didn't go in today after all. Squadron had very busy day yesterday, so got a rest. Got up at 0800 hrs. Moved forward three miles at noon. Just getting dark now. We are going forward soon to take over from "D" Squadron. They are eight miles ahead, on the coast road. Jerry is really on the run now. The Gothic Line is no more. Should hit the open plains soon and then watch us roll! Should cover a lot of ground tomorrow I hope. Five years of war tomorrow. When is it going to end?

Sep 3rd - Nearly dark but I must write. Thank God we are alive tonight. Went in with "C" Squadron instead of "D". The troop officer commanding Recce Troop we were with was killed. So was his driver. Total loss today, one dead and three wounded. We scored our first kill today. Two Jerry para troopers in a M.G. position. Took it out with 15 rounds of .30 Browning. Too dark. Write tomorrow. Now I can perhaps write a lucid account of yesterday's happenings. Not that we had such a good sleep. Jerry was over with his Air Force last night for the first time in months. He didn't do much damage but raised hell of a rumpus. Seven Arty lads were killed in field next to us. We advanced down coast road to 2nd blown bridge. No crossing, so came past 1st bridge to road on left. Then took trail to right and up next dirt road to right. Jerry was defending this in strength. We were fired on. LT Stokes orders advance to continue. Two friendly infantry scouts inform us Jerry infantry in group of houses off road. We call up Stokes (he is 150 yards ahead) and he tells us to go up and take 'em if possible. We go up narrow

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lane to main building. Approximately 200 feet from house spot M.G. position just to left of lane 60 feet ahead. Two Jerrys must have been stunned cause they didn't fire. Eddie opened up and removed 'em. Backed down to main road without having a shot fired at us. Stokes has run into heavy M.G. fire and called up a car troop for support. They go past our position and 200 yards further on lead A. car is knocked out by Jerry "bazooka". Two remaining cars try to withdraw. One goes in ditch in plain view of Jerry M.G. They keep crew trapped in car. Last one gets back to our position in cover. Then comes long period of sitting while two platoons of infantry try to take farm houses. Jerry is too strong and holds the ridge. My God, and we were up there in our car and he didn't fire on us! Horseshoes I reckon. They manage to get ambulance in and take out two wounded from 1st A car. Other two (officer and D.O.) are dead. Couldn't get through to Stokes and his driver. (Later, when we did they were dead). We helped to dress a wounded infantry chap (RCR) and then got orders to withdraw for the tanks are going to put in an attack. Good thing we did. They blasted Jerry positions OK but also knocked out remaining A. car that stayed in position we left. We stayed with tac HQ for few hours but didn't go in again. The end of a bloody day - 6½ hours of damned hard work.

Sep 4th - 0400 hrs but I reckon I can write today's entry now. Got up this morning at 0600 hrs after a not-too-restful night. Examined bomb crater on other side of fence (approximately 160 yards away) and thanked our lucky stars ground was soft and marshy so that it buried itself and shrapnel didn't spread far. Blast blew me out of bed! Packed up and moved approximately two miles forward to another area at 1000 hrs. Had to vacate it at 0500 hrs, however. Under heavy shell and mortar fire. Two men killed in "A" Sqn and they were next to us. As matter of fact our troop area was 50 yards from heavy troop "A" Sqn and they had the two killed. Was just completing my slit trench when shell landed. I hit her! And how. Don't take any chances. Report says 100 killed and wounded in this area in two hours. We returned to position we left. He sends the odd one over here but not bad. We are cooking a chicken for supper. Scrounged it this morning.

Sep 5th - Today was a bad day for "B" Sqn - 7 men wounded. Two are very bad. We were called into action at noon. They had lost contact with Jerry and we had to find him. 2nd recce troop was leading. We advanced slowly 2½ or 3 miles into small village (Ricconi) without incident. Then we were fired on at north edge of town just before we came to blown bridge. Damn these bridges anyhow. Retreated 300 yards to cover and reported to Sun Ray. He decides to leap around to right with A. Car Troop and find possible crossings. They are fired on and lead A. car is knocked out by German Bazooka A.T. Three men wounded. About this time terrible accident happens at tac HQ. Car directly behind control accidentally fires his .30 Browning. Signal Sgt and Lt in control are wounded. Sgt is very bad. We stay around town until dark. Jerry is shelling and sniping at intervals. Two men (a fitter and stretcher-bearer) are wounded by sniper. We withdraw one mile down road



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to spend night. I'm on guard. Ouch!

Sep 6th - Next morning we move up to south part of town at eight. Jerry is really shelling. I'm scared stiff. Doing this to pass the time. Plan today is to make dismounted recce to left and right. Not much more today. We work with the Major. He took up an O position in a large hotel. Good view from the top floor. See for three miles into enemy land. Spotted 5 M.G. positions and directed fire from Artillery down on 'em.

Sep 7th - Nine o'clock. We are at rest today. Maintenance and clean up. Entire squadron is in area of hotel. Few minutes ago Jerry lobbed three or four in damn close. Hope he hasn't spotted hotel as an O position. Finish tonight. SGT Nicol died yesterday, so did Smith, the boy that lost his leg. Three dead now. Rather a busy night. Sixty men on guard and patrol. Jerry very active with his shelling. Six men wounded, two seriously. They are getting some of us every day. I'm on 24 hour guard.

Sep 8th - Finished guard tonight at six. Rather a quiet night but the SOB has started up again now. Guess we won't get much sleep tonight. This particular front seems to be static right now. Their plan is to outflank him on left and trap these bastards that are opposing us. Hope they do it soon. Hope the lousy war ends too. If anything happens tonight I'll put it down in tomorrow's entry.

Sep 9th - Not much to report. Jerry was over last night with a few of his planes. Dropped a few big ones and some anti-personnel eggs. Didn't get us.

Sep 10th - Evening now. Another quiet day. Spend three hours on a house cleaning patrol. Moved weapons back a 1000 yards from our position to a big hotel. Suspect some of 'em were supplying Jerry with information.

Sep 11th - Not much. Went on sick parade this a.m. with sore wisdom tooth. Kept me awake for last three nights. Sent me five miles down the line to dentist and he lanced it. Was absessed. Must go back and have it out if it continues to hurt. But it feels better tonight. Last night Jerry was over twice with his planes. No damage in our area.

Sep 12th - Not much today. We go in at 7 for approximately 48 hours. Not with our cars though - on our flat feet!

Sep 13, 14, 15th - My God! The last 72 hours has been a ghastly nightmare. We went in at seven, night of the 13th. Line was static then. Our section took up a forward O position. For the next 60 hours we go through living hell. We could observe Jerry, and he could see us too. Everytime a guy moved he was sniped at. I have a charmed life. Five times in daylight I had to go back to our HQ and five times he put a bullet close to my ears. Hit the net on my helmet once. Reckon he was about three inches from my skull. Also we were shelled. Two direct hits on our house, but they didn't penetrate to ground floor. Concussion shook us up and plaster came down on us. Lucky again. But past 12 hours have been something. Our squadron made history I reckon. We advanced across the Meto River at north edge of town and in face of Jerry M.G., small arms and mortar made our way  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles to next river, (Metaro) and there we stopped. Had to. Had seven wounded, one

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seriously. But we were lucky. Wonder we didn't all get it. Were relieved by another squadron tonight. News photographer snapped out picture as we came slogging out. Heroes! Huh! Just a weary, tired, dirty, hungry and scared bunch of lads. Guess Joyce is in Canada now. Good show. Wonder if I'll get back?

Sep 16th - Evening now. Not much today. I've just spent four hours copying this damned diary. Had it on loose paper. My arm is nearly broken. Guess we will be out for three or four days. Hope war ends soon. I'm a coward I reckon.

Sep 17th - Sunday. Not much to report. Lost \$3.00 at poker. Wrote to Joyce. Went for a swim in the ocean.

Sep 18, 19, 20, 21st - Nothing much. Moved from hotel across river approximately one mile. In private billets now. We occupy 2nd floor in former Mayor's home. Posh! Writing letters tonight. They took Rimime today. Good show!

Sep 22-25th - Not much to report. We stay in our posh billets. But all good things come to an end. We are moving tomorrow. 1st Division is out for a rest, but no rest for us. We are going to be attached to 5th Armcd Division for drive across plains.

Sep 26th - Moved out of our palace into a wet muddy field about ten miles behind 5th Division forward position. Air-raids first night. What a way!

Sep 27th - My Sgt went to the hospital this morning with a felon on his finger. Lucky lad! Three hours later we get orders to move up. Here we go again. It has been a nice war.

Sep 28th-30th - Three days of action. Not very much advancing though. God damn weather is bad. Rain and mud again. What a lousy country. Two men wounded (at different time and place each) by shell fire. We occupy reserve position now about a mile and a half away from Jerry's lines. Every now and then he lobbs over multi mortars and shells. So far we have been lucky.

Oct 1st - Nuts! Lots happened in the passing days but I don't remember and don't care to.

Nov 16th - Ho Hum! Rained all day. Wrote letters. Soft life, this.

Feb 25/45 - Have just been re-reading this. Rather a large gap from Nov 16th to now. I can't pretend to remember everything that has happened. We have spend a good deal of time in the lines. I captured a Jerry Sgt Major on or about Dec 1st. We had a lot of fun for a few days then, chasing him but then the weather turned bad and our role since then has



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been as holding infantry in static warfare! Not very interesting, monotonous and very grim, with mortars and shells and schu mines taking their grim toll. We lost a lot of good men in the period between Dec 1st and Jan 7th. Christmas and New Year's were both spent in the line. No good. However, since Jan 7th we have been in a rest area and I hope we don't see anymore action! But we shall in a different country. Heading for France, I think.

Mar 8th - On the move. First stop Foligno. 9th - Pontassive, Florence. 13th - Pisa, 14th - Leghorn. Left early arrived Marsielles 15th, 16th. 17th - Macon via Lyon, 18th - Les Haines, 19-20th - Cambrai, 21st - via Brussels to Grobendonk (pubs) - stayed until 3rd April. (I left to go on leave to England during this period. Dear Old Blighty! Same as ever - pubs and bitters and stuff). Came back to Nimagen by rail on the 6th April. Crossed the Rhine and Seigfried Line at Reichswald Forest same day by truck.

Apr 7th - Stayed in area N/E of Laren in hayloft.

Apr 9th - Went through forest (truck knocked out) and stayed with 1st troop in store. Bill Miller, friend of Ed's killed today in "D" Sqn. Bastards! They took sixty prisoners, "C" Sqn took forty. One hundred for Regiment first day in.

Apr 10th - Moved fast N/E and took Lemelhweld. Forty-five prisoners. Mr. Mustard and I had to go back and find RHQ. Out all night. No sleep in this damn war.

Apr 11th - Rechlersche Veld (forest) - some fighting, not too bad though.

Apr 12th - Still there. 1st troop in good fight and brought in 17 prisoners.

Apr 13th (Friday) - not superstitious. Worked around Makkinge and went to Ostervolde. Stayed in barn - had big Dutch cheese. Went on little trip to Roden. Every civvy scared to wave, scared we were Jerries. No wonder, we are 30 miles beyond his lines now.

Apr 14th - Left in morning. Just above Donkerbrook. Went in and picked up 15 prisoners. Sgt wounded one before they quit. Went to Vreeters where 3rd assault working down by church. Moved up through Drachten to Dokum. Went to Zwasywesteinde with underground. Great celebration - population nearly went mad, throwing flowers and streamers and singing Dutch national anthem. Brought back 15 Dutch SS troops and Jerries. Underground had 'em harboured outside Dokum in field along canal.

Apr 15th - Down to Britenport. Took 19 prisoners off barges. Lots of loot. Up through Kollum to squadron, went up to Anjum on west coast of Lauviers Zee, and back to Dokhum. Up to Birdaard where the underground had about 120 prisoners lined up. Mr. Briddell (3rd troop shot by sniper in town) and 1st troop had fight with two German officers killing both and burning a house. We went further down with no success and came back to Dokhum.

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Apr 16th - Morning quiet and in afternoon went up to Anjum (on coast) again where assault troop had been shelled from island. Joe Elliott (Kincardine) and McDonald killed. Fowler, Gerig hurt. "A" Ech came up. Shelled island at night with 5.5.

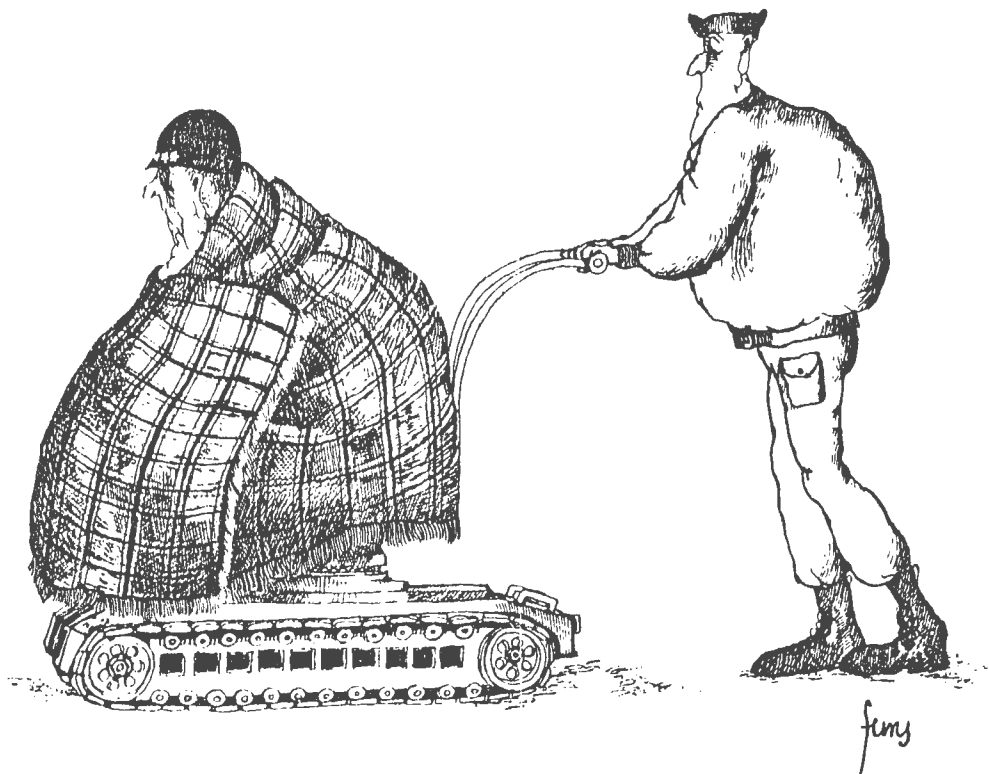
Apr 17th - CPL Elliott and McDonald buried. Everyone in town were there. Lots of flowers. People here like us. Tommy Fisher and I were each given lovely tie-pins by family where we slept. They have our address and we have theirs. Moved through Gronigen south to Vries. Staying with 3rd troop. Two days rest.

LAST ENTRY OF DIARY

Jan 1st 1946 - Nuts! The war is over. I'm a "civvy" again. Ain't it awful?

NOTE: Footnote by Mr. Penfold dated March 18, 1966 reads:

"What I really meant to say, I guess, isn't it awfully nice to be alive and a civilian!"





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OBITUARY

The Regiment regrets to note the passing of the following:

COLONEL FS MORRISON, CMG, DSO (Ret)

Died 9 Sep 69

Colonel Morrison served with the Regiment during both the Boer War and World War I. During the conflict in South Africa, COL Morrison was cited for bravery during the advance upon Pretoria. Invalided home to Canada, he returned to South Africa as a Commissioned Officer.

Colonel Morrison graduated from the British Staff College and during World War I he was recognized for his outstanding valour. He was awarded the following honours: CMG, DSO, Russian Order of St Anne, 1914-15 Star, British War Metal, and Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

Following the war Colonel Morrison turned to business interests until his retirement in 1958.

LCOL KI JEFFERSON, CD

Died in a drowning  
accident at  
Halifax 20 Jul 69

LCOL Jefferson commenced his service in July 1942 after graduating from the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario. During World War II he served with the 12th Manitoba Dragoons in Northwest Europe.

After the war, LCOL Jefferson held a variety of staff jobs in both Canadian Forces Base Borden and Halifax. As a Captain he attended the Canadian Army Staff College and after successful completion served in HQ 1 ClBG, Europe.

As a Major, LCOL Jefferson served as a Squadron Commander with both the RCD and RMC. He was promoted to his present rank in July 1966 and in October of the same year he was selected for foreign language training. He was appointed Assistant Canadian Forces Attache, Polland, in August 1967. In March 1968 he was posted to Headquarters Atlantic Region as Senior Staff Officer Plans and Operations.

LCOL CJ MARTIN, CD

Died 10 Jun 69

LCOL Martin was CO of the Fort Garry Horse. He died as a result of a fall incurred whilst climbing a mountain in the Yukon, which he was marking in memory of MGEN FF Worthington.

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MAJOR RENE HARAN, CD

Died 23 Apr 69

MAJ Haran joined the Regiment immediately after World War I and served as a Captain with it for five years.

CAPT ALLAN CASE

Died 30 May 69

CAPT Case served as a subaltern in World War I in "A" Sqn. He was a well known show judge of hunters and jumpers in both Canada and the United States.

CWO NA PIERCE

Died 22 Jun 69

During his long service, which commenced as a boy soldier in 1943, CWO Pierce saw wartime service in Canada, England and Northwest Europe, and in the post war years in Petawawa, Borden, Korea, North Bay, Germany and Gagetown with the RCD. CWO Pierce reached the highlight of his career when he was appointed as RSM of the LdSH(RC) in Hemer, Germany.

MR. RONALD A de BARTOK

Died 1 Sep 69

Mr. De Bartok served as a Troop Sergeant with 2nd Troop "A" Sqn for a time in Italy, 1943.

MR. ALFRED CONNOR

Died 1 Jul 69

Mr. Connor served with the Regiment during the South African War.

MR. CI McBRIDE

Died 17 Oct 69

Mr. McBride served with the Regiment from 1941 until 1945. He held the rank of Sergeant and his tour of duty took him to Great Britain, Italy and Northwest Europe.

MR. ERNEST A. MORGAN

Died 6 May 69

Mr. Morgan served with the Regiment during World War I.

MR. SYD PALMER

Died 13 Apr 69

Mr. Palmer served with the Regiment from Dec 1914 until 1919.

MR. EK PICKEN

Died Sep 69

MR. FH WALTON

Died Apr 69



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## "RHQ"

Commanding Officer	LCOL	RD	Gross, CD	
Second-in-Command	MAJ	RS	Billings, CD	
Adjutant	CAPT	ND	Ashton	
Regimental Signals Officer	CAPT	TE	Kay	
Assistant Adjutant	LT	JJB	Price	
Liaison Officer 1	CAPT	RM	Elrick	
Regimental Sergeant Major	CWO		Brown	EA, CD
Liaison Officer 2	LT	HW	Clifford	
Padre (P)	CAPT	LC	Oakes	
	WO		Conrad	RF
	SGT		Farrington	D C PRO C
	SGT		Foster	LF
	SGT		Schut	EG
	SGT		Wadsworth	LE
	CPL		Bigger	HT
	CPL		Bithell	DJ
	CPL		Brownridge	RB
	CPL		Eggleton	CB
	CPL		Ervin	RN
	CPL		Foston	RL
	CPL		Gormley	CE
	CPL		LeBlanc	TE
	CPL		Young	A
	TPR		Austin	WF
	TPR		Taylor	JS
	TPR		Forbes	

## "HQ SQN"

Officer Commanding	CAPT	DA	Watkins	
Second-in-Command	CAPT	JJ	Gallant	
Squadron Sergeant Major	MWO		Wallace	RF
	SGT		Desjardins	NJ
	SGT		Godden	RA

## SUPPLY SECTION

WO	Webb	TW
CPL	Davies	EL
CPL	MacRury	DA
CPL	Moore	RL
CPL	Munroe	BS
CPL	Radchenko	W
TPR	Sheppard	FR
TPR	Stewart	JG
TPR	Stewart	BG

## ROR SECTION

WO	Hansen	RM (RCASC)
CPL	Barber	DA
CPL	Beno	CE
CPL	DeRocher	AS
TPR	Dow	RC
TPR	Michelin	SC
TPR	King	RC

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## POSTAL SECTION

CPL Furge GI (RCPC)

## MEDICAL SECTION

SGT Doucet JE (RCAMC)  
CPL Ayres JG (RCAMC)  
CPL Graves DG (CF(A))  
CPL MacEachern JA (CF(A))

## "QM"

QM	LT	RD	Amos (RCOC)
RQMS	MWO		Collicott CE (RCOC)
TQMS	MWO		Daniels PA
	SGT		Hammond JF (RCOC)
	MCPL		Hovey WD
	MCPL		MacArther EG (RCOC)
	CPL		Conway MJ (RCE)
	CPL		George WL (RCOC)
	CPL		Rector R
	CPL		Rogers ET (RCOC)
	CPL		Wells WC
	TPR		Pepperdine JG

## OFFICERS' MESS

SGT	May	RJ
CPL	Shute	DF
CPL	Ward	RW
TPR	Gryson	AJ
TPR	Gillet	WD
TPR	LeBlanc	JE
TPR	Mason	EM
TPR	Perry	RK
TPR	Valley	FT
TPR	Williams	JB
TPR	Zinck	LG

## SERGEANTS' MESS

SGT	Riches	GJ
CPL	Matheson	VH
CPL	Springer	ME
TPR	Edwards	WL
TPR	Hackett	CR
TPR	O'Toole	TE

## "MAINTENANCE TROOP"

Officer Commanding

CAPT	CF	Potter	
MWO		Endall	RE
CPL		Berry	CS
CPL		Lohnes	RS



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## MAINTENANCE SECTION

MWO	Harlow	AL
WO	Gilbert	W
WO	Hancox	WR
WO	Hicks	IH
CPL	Allen	LL
CPL	Bartlett	LJ
CPL	Goheen	PJ
CPL	Brown	JK
CPL	Hamilton	RD
CPL	Helm	WA
CPL	Joege	OGH
CPL	MacLean	L
CPL	Powell	GJ
CPL	Pratt	RE

## SQUADRON FITTERS (TANK)

WO	Laviolette	WA	CPL	Jones	RN
WO	Winters	CF	CPL	MacMaster	HE
SGT	Rafuse	OL	CPL	Mezzatesta	B
SGT	Vaniderstine	LH	CPL	Pyne	HJ
CPL	Ayers	LK	CPL	Sutton	AJ
CPL	Beange	LR	CPL	Swain	DGE
CPL	Clark	AW	CPL	Taylor	SR
CPL	Cumming	AG	CPL	Wood	JJ
CPL	Fader	DK	CPL	Young	JR
CPL	Griffiths	LH	CFN	Carroll	HS
CPL	Hodge	EE	CFN	Fisher	WB
CPL	Jesty	JG	CFN	Millard	AF
			CFN	Murphy	WIA

## PARTS SECTION

WO	Henderson	L
CPL	Fraser	JD
CPL	Lively	OE
TPR	Carleton	WFA

## TECH SECTION

LT	JL	Crosby
SGT	Barnes	CD
CPL	Dupuis	GL
CPL	Hodgson	RE
TPR	Borden	HE

## INSPECTION TEAM

SGT	Fuller	MR
SGT	Fullon	HJ
SGT	Georgeson	WC
CPL	Gamache	DI
CPL	Gordon	JM
CPL	Murphy	LL

## SERVICING TEAM

CPL	Boutilier	RR
CPL	MacKinnon	GS
TPR	Richardson	RN

## \*SIGS SECTION

SGT	Henwood	W
SGT	Ingarfield	LL
CPL	Gaudio	JL
CPL	Kennedy	CG
CPL	Kennedy	NJ
CPL	Izzard	JR
CPL	Lynch	GV
CPL	MacIsaac	CD

CPL	Maynard	WL
CPL	Smith	GS
SIG	Armstrong	SW
SIG	Cook	GF
SIG	Cook	HW
SIG	Powell	VJ
SIG	Ross	SW

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## CATERING

WO	Chaisson	JY	CPL	Guptill	BR
SGT	Longshaw	NH	CPL	Lucy	RF
CPL	Brennan	TM	CPL	McNamara	JR
CPL	Bellefontaine	MA	CPL	MacPhee	NW
CPL	Best	LJ	CPL	Shaw	NE
CPL	Campbell	OW	PTE	Smith	QL

## GARRISON SECTION

SGT	Diveto	AR
CPL	Bishop	IH
CPL	Hills	AM
CPL	Fitzpatrick	GB

## "HOLDING LIST"

SGT	Baranosky	MS	CPL	Zimmerman	DA
SGT	Wallace	JCS	CPL	Bright	AV
CPL	Arsensault	JAD	TPR	Peters	JH
CPL	Merritt	AN			

## "ATTACHED OUT - BASE AND BEYOND"

CAPT	AK	Hamilton	Cyprus	CPL	Gardiner	L	CFB	Gagetown
MSG	Daloba	EH	CAS	CPL	Murphy	KT	CFB	Gagetown
SGT	Broadhead	TL	CFB	Gagetown	CPL	Tobin	FR	CFB
SGT	Newcombe	CW	CFB	Gagetown	CPL	Watson	FH	CFB
SGT	Read	JO	CFB	Gagetown	CPL	Woiner	RH	CAS
CPL	Brown	GM	UNB	PTE	Buffett	HW	Cyprus	
CPL	Bush	TR	CFB	Gagetown	TPR	Derah	AA	CFB
CPL	Casey	BC	ATR	TPR	Kraendonk	SM	CFB	Gagetown
CPL	Gandler	RA	CFB	Gagetown	TPR	Lambe	MT	CFB
				TPR	Horne	DM	CAS	



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### "A" SQUADRON

#### Squadron Headquarters (SHQ)

Officer Commanding	MAJ	TRJ	Moulton
Battle Captain	LT	WR	Blair
Liaison Officer	LT	AJ	Susnar
	SGT	Ovens	TRB
	CPL	Bell	RG
	CPL	DeGruchy	TR
	CPL	Grant	LM
	CPL	Hapgood	CW
	CPL	Parker	WW
	TPR	McDougall	RE

#### 1st Troop

Troop Leader	LT	JA	Winship
Troop Sergeant	WO	McMillan	RJ
	SGT	Friesen	HD
	MCPL	Green	WA
	CPL	Benoit	R
	CPL	Deighton	MJ
	CPL	Justason	BDE
	TPR	Bailey	SW
	TPR	Bergen	BJ
	TPR	Flewelling	JJ
	TPR	Hamer	JH
	TPR	Lupton	PL
	TPR	Parisian	RR
	TPR	Wilcox	VE

#### 2nd Troop

Troop Leader	WO	MacAdams	AL
Troop Sergeant	SGT	Garner	JE
	SGT	Williams	IH
	CPL	Garnier	EJC
	CPL	Morash	MR
	TPR	Babineau	RS
	TPR	Damery	CW
	TPR	Hartshorn	DG
	TPR	Luker	RB
	TPR	Martin	BF
	TPR	Roberts	RR
	TPR	Scott	FJ
	TPR	Wilbor	BC

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## 3rd Troop

Troop Leader  
Troop Sergeant

WO	Sampson	EB
SGT	Wheeler	MG
SGT	McAllister	KW
SGT	Ross	EH
CPL	Reeves	PJ
CPL	Stewart	DB
TPR	Barr	AD
TPR	Bernard	FC
TPR	Douthwaite	RAL
TPR	Garside	AE
TPR	Griese	RJ
TPR	Heer	WW
TPR	Masiuk	ES
TPR	Mitchell	GA
TPR	McEvoy	OE

## ADM TROOP

Second-in-Command  
Squadron Sergeant Major  
SQMS  
Adm NCO

CAPT	JWS	Lewis
MWO	Miller	IK
WO	Camponi	RJ
SGT	Raymond	LD
MCPL	Houriham	RJP
CPL	Allen	BF
CPL	Campbell	HA
CPL	Hulberg	AO
CPL	Miner	EA
CPL	MacLeod	BR
CPL	Sparling	JDS
TPR	Basterache	LJ
TPR	Brown	IN
TPR	Hankins	CB
TPR	Harris	DK
TPR	Hogan	M
TPR	Oram	BC
TPR	Warren	GR



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## "B" SQUADRON

### Squadron Headquarters (SHQ)

Officer Commanding	MAJ	C	Milner
Battle Captain	CAPT	RFJ	Berge
Liaison Officer	LT	RF	Carruthers
	SGT	Strickler	JE
	MCPL	Alcock	MR
	MCPL	Pinsent	S
	CPL	Egan	JF
	TPR	Bagnell	JH
	TPR	McKim	CJ

### 1st Troop

Troop Leader	WO	Mahon	RH
Troop Sergeant	SGT	Owen	HR
	SGT	Baillie	WF
	SGT	Kitcher	RD
	CPL	Doucette	PEA
	CPL	Ferris	LD
	CPL	Goodwill	RW
	CPL	Grandy	L
	CPL	Johnson	BVH
	CPL	Slaght	DBL
	TPR	Beals	EM
	TPR	Blackie	HF
	TPR	Crowe	LJ
	TPR	Legere	MC
	TPR	Tobin	E
	TPR	Tower	VW

### 2nd Troop

Troop Leader	WO	Dunsmore	DI
Troop Sergeant	SGT	Wyatt	H
	SGT	Farquharson	RS
	MCPL	Byrne	DA
	CPL	Bosh	LW
	CPL	Brown	CE
	CPL	Cleveland	WG
	CPL	Comeau	JD
	CPL	Drummond	CH
	CPL	Stoddard	GJ
	CPL	Vienneau	JD
	CPL	Zinck	MC
	TPR	Campbell	VG
	TPR	Mills	WJ
	TPR	Shute	PM
	TPR	Wright	VB

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## 3rd Troop

Troop Leader  
Troop Sergeant

LT	GD	Robertson	
SGT	Johnson	TE	
SGT	Cotterill	DJ	
MCPL	Harvie	VV	
CPL	Chisholm	RM	
CPL	Fraser	HD	
CPL	Moore	WA	
CPL	Morrison	HB	
CPL	Raymond	NL	
TPR	Booth	JE	
TPR	Brown	WE	
TPR	Lavender	DH	
TPR	Mavor	MW	
TPR	McDonell	RB	
TPR	Redekopp	AC	
TPR	Rowsell	VC	

## ADM TROOP

Second-in-Command  
A/Squadron Sergeant Major  
SQMS  
Adm NCO

CAPT	B	Moore	
WO	Bennett	GR	
WO	Donald	CPD	
SGT	Hobday	LT	
MCPL	Pushie	WJ	
CPL	Bernard	SM	
CPL	Dalton	AF	
CPL	Estabrooks	OG	
CPL	McAvity	RN	
CPL	Millard	JD	
CPL	Ritchie	DA	
CPL	Siciliano	FX	
CPL	Tibbo	GG	
TPR	Chapman	WC	
TPR	Huland	RV	
TPR	McDonough	MD	
TPR	Smith	RB	



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## POSTINGS IN

The following personnel were posted to the Regiment from the units indicated:

LCOL	RD	Gross	LdSH(RC)
MAJ	RS	Billings	4 FTS Rivers
MAJ	C	Milner	HQ 3 Combat Group
MAJ	TRJ	Moulton	CFHQ
CAPT	JWS	Lewis	Blues and Royals
CAPT	TE	Kay	706 Comms Sqn
LT	GD	Robertson	ROTP, UNB
LT	PM	Steeves	RCS of S
LT	JA	Winship	CAS
MWO	Collicott	CJE	1 Canadian Guards
MWO	Daniels	PA	I Staff Toronto
MWO	Miller	IK	LdSH(RC)
WO	Camponi	RJ	NB District
WO	Conrad	RE	HQ Newfoundland District
WO	Gilbert	W	2 RHC
WO	Hansen	FW	CFB Gagetown
SGT	Baillie	WF	LdSH(RC)
SGT	Farrington	D	CFB London
SGT	Godden	RA	LdSH(RC)
SGT	Hammond	JF	3 Svc Bn
SGT	Henwood	TW	720 Comms Sqn
SGT	Ingarfield	LL	720 Comms Sqn
SGT	Ovens	TRB	LdSH(RC)
SGT	Refuse	OL	2 RCHA
CPL	Arsenault	JA	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Beange	LR	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Bell	RC	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Bithell	DJ	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Boutilier	RR	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Christopherson	DR	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Conway	DJ	3 Field Squadron
CPL	Cumming	AG	4 Field Wksp
CPL	Deighton	MJ	LdSH(RC)
CPL	DeGruchy	TR	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Denis	JJG	4 Field Wksp
CPL	DeRocher	AS	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Ervin	RN	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Furge	GI	CFPD Belleville
CPL	Gaudio	JL	4 Sigs Sqn
CPL	Goheen	PJ	4 Field Wksp
CPL	Goodwill	FW	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Grandy	L	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Hapgood	CW	LdSH(RC)

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CPL	Hulberg	AO	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Johnson	BVH	CFB St. Hubert
CPL	Kennedy	CG	4 Sigs Sqn
CPL	Maynard	WL	3 Sigs Sqn
CPL	Morris	EW	ICC Vietnam
CPL	Morrison	HB	CFB Borden
CPL	Murphy	KT	St John's, Newfoundlnd
CPL	MacEachern	JA	CFMTC Borden
CPL	MacMillan	MA	LdSH(RC)
CPL	MacRury	DA	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Parker	WW	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Pratt	EF	4 Fd Wksp
CPL	Siciliano	FX	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Shaw	NE	USN Station Roosevelt
CPL	Sparling	JD	CFRC Montreal
CPL	Smith	GS	720 Comms Sqn
CPL	Stoddard	GJ	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Tobin	FR	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Babineau	LA	CFRC St John
TPR	Bailey	SW	CAS
TPR	Basterache	LJ	CAS
TPR	Beals	EM	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Benoit	R	CFRC St John
TPR	Bergen	BJ	CAS
TPR	Bernard	FC	CFRC Halifax
TPR	Biggar	HT	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Booth	JE	1 PPCLI
TPR	Brown	LW	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Brown	WE	CAS
TPR	Campbell	VG	CFRC Sydney
PTE	Carroll	EM	CAS
TPR	Chapman	WC	8 CH
TPR	Cannon	RN	CAS
PTE	Cook	GF	3 Sigs Sqn
PTE	Covey	BA	RCME(S)
TPR	Damery	CW	CFB Borden
TPR	Davenport	LH	CFRC St John
TPR	Douthwaite	HR	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Douthwaite	RAI	CAS
TPR	Evans	WD	CAS
CFN	Fisher	WB	
TPR	Flewelling	JJ	CAS
TPR	Fraser	WB	CAS
TPR	Gargan	LR	CAS
TPR	Gargan	RM	CAS
TPR	Garner	EJC	CFRC St John's



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## POSTINGS IN (CON'T)

TPR	Gardside	AE	CFB Esquimalt
TPR	Greenlund	GW	CAS
TPR	Griese	RJ	CAS
TPR	Griffiths	LH	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Hankins	CB	CAS
TPR	Hamer	JH	CAS
TPR	Harris	DK	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Hartshorn	DG	CAS
TPR	Hogan	M	CAS
TPR	Horne	DM	CFRC Halifax
TPR	Hulan	RV	CFRC St John's
PTE	Jack	LW	CFB Kingston
TPR	Lee	MG	2 Fd Sqn
TPR	Legere	MC	CFB Halifax
TPR	Leher	HW	CAS
SIC	Lynch	GV	702 Comms Det
PTE	Maillaird	AF	RCME(S)
TPR	Martin	BF	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Masiuk	E	CFRC Moncton
TPR	Mavor	MW	CFRC St John
CN	Mezzatesta	B	
TPR	Michelin	SG	CFB Borden
TPR	Mingo	DG	CAS
TPR	Mitchell	GA	CAS
TPR	Moore	WA	CFRC St John
TPR	Morton	BH	CAS
TPR	McDonnell	RD	CFRC Halifax
TPR	McDonough	MDF	CAS
TPR	McEvoy	DE	CAS
TPR	McKim	CJ	CAS
TPR	Oram	BC	CAS
TPR	O' Toole	TE	CAS
TPR	Parisian	RR	CAS
PTE	Pitt	WB	CFB Kingston
PTE	Power	JP	RCME(S)
TPR	Radekopp	AC	CFRC Halifax
TPR	Reynolds	WJ	CAS
TPR	Roberts	RR	CAS
TPR	Scott	FJ	CAS
TPR	Sheppherd	FR	CFRC St John
TPR	Simon	PJ	CFRC St John
TPR	Smith	RP	CAS
TPR	Stewart	JG	CFRC Halifax
TPR	Tibbo	GG	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Walker	ME	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Warren	GR	CAS
TPR	Wilbor	BC	CAS



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## POSTINGS IN CON'D

PTE	Williams	JB	1 RHC
CFN	Woiner	RH	4 Pd Wksp
TPR	Wright	VB	CFRC St John
TPR	Zinck	MCJ	LdSH(RC)

## POSTINGS OUT

The following personnel were posted as indicated:

LCOL	CG	Kitchen	Shrivenham, UK
MAJ	CA	Sangster	CLFSC Kingston
MAJ	EJ	Wesson	BAOR
CAPT	A	Alexander	LdSH(RC)
CAPT	TA	Campbell	NDME, Ottawa
CAPT	RE	Duchemin	FMC
CAPT	JE	Doyle	HQ 3 Cbt Gp
CAPT	WB	Fox	LdSH(RC)
CAPT	JC	Gervais	12e RBC
CAPT	WE	Nye	1 Cdn Sig Regiment
CAPT	KRT	Seeley	CLFSC Kingston
CAPT	LJ	Skinner	CFB Scaot
LT	JR	Fournier	12e RBC
LT	KR	Hilts	3 Sig Sqn
LT	MR	Mosher	CFB Gagetown
LT	DRB	Rodgers	LdSH(RC)
LT	JGNY	Savoie	12e RBC
LT	CJN	Sproule	LdSH(RC)
LT	PM	Steeves	3 Sigs Sqn
CWO	Nichols	QNT	CFB Coburg
MWO	Brooks	WF	NB District
MWO	Cannon	NB	3 Svc Bn
MWO	Good	J	CFB Borden
MWO	Swann	EL	2 Svc Bn
MWO	Winters	VG	NB District
WO	Jones	AF	CFB London
WO	Proulx	JNE	Eastern Quebec Area
SGT	Anderson	JD	RHC
SGT	Barsby	BP	CAS
SGT	Brophy	CR	CFNBGS Borden
SGT	Cranston	AH	CFS Debert
SGT	Donnelly	GW	HQ Newfoundland District
SGT	Flemming	BA	CFB Cornwallis
SGT	Gallant	AJS	3 Svc Bn
SGT	Gale	CM	HQ Eastern Ontario District
SGT	Jackson	BN	LdSH(RC)
SGT	Johnston	EM	LdSH(RC)

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## POSTINGS OUT CON'T

SGT	Kaulbeck	AN	CFB Halifax
SGT	Kay	DF	CFB Gagetown
SGT	Lyle	DF	2 RHC
SGT	MacKay	CR	CFLAS Borden
SGT	Maybee	KH	LdSH(RC)
SGT	Nolan	JP	1 RCHA
SGT	Pushkarenko	J	LdSH(RC)
SGT	Sulis	HR	LdSH(RC)
SGT	Travis	LE	NB District
SGT	Walsh	EG	4 CIBG
SGT	White	TJ	3 Svc Bn
CPL	Battley	WA	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Beaupre	JG	4 Fd Wksp
CPL	Benson	MC	CAS
CPL	Bishop	RE	2 Fd Sqn
CPL	Blackburn	TE	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Cann	GW	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Campbell	JE	NWE
CPL	Charlwood	HA	1 QOR of C
CPL	Christoff	BA	CFB London
CPL	Cornect	S	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Couture	AJ	12e RBC
CPL	Crowley	JC	CFB Cornwallis
CPL	Currie	AB	3 Svc Bn
CPL	Desjardins	DJG	12e RBC
CPL	Denis	JJG	12e RBC
CPL	Demeulles	JFRL	12e RBC
CPL	Dumont	GR	12e RBC
CPL	Gallant	JR	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Germain	JNY	12e RBC
CPL	Greenwood	RG	CFB Borden
CPL	Hache	JJD	12e RBC
CPL	Hicks	DS	CAS
CPL	Johnston	EG	NWE
CPL	Kempton	BE	CFB Cornwallis
CPL	Kikkert	FD	CFB Kingston
CPL	Kuus	A	LdSH(RC)
CPL	MacMillan	MA	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Martin	HF	12e RBC
CPL	MacKay	RJR	CFMTC
CPL	McLean	BC	1 RCHA
CPL	MacGregor	DF	LdSH(RC)
CPL	MacInnis	WS	2 RCHA
CPL	Massoeurs	FJG	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Mahar	FL	3 Svc Bn
CPL	McGarrigle	AW	3 Svc Bn
CPL	McNeil	JS	CAS



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## POSTINGS OUT CON'T

CPL	Melanson	EA	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Munroe	CG	2 RCHA
CPL	Pepperdine	GA	NB District
CPL	Peck	EJ	Belleville, Ontario
CPL	Pratt	EF	2 RCHA
CPL	Regimbal	JM	CFB Gagetown
CPL	Richard	JA	12e RBC
CPL	Robertson	JLL	12e RBC
CPL	Reid	BE	3 Svc Bn
CPL	Ross	RL	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Smith	RS	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Smith	ED	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Stafford	RJ	LdSH(RC)
CPL	Sveinson	WE	2 RCHA
CPL	Tracy	LB	CFB Soest
CPL	Vos	EHR	Belleville
CPL	Walsh	LR	CFB Cornwallis
CPL	Webster	RB	8 CH
TPR	Arbeau	DF	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Accadia	AP	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Beaton	LC	LdSH(RC)
CFN	Beaudoin	JLG	12e RBC
CFN	Beebe	RD	2 Fd Sqn
CFN	Belanger	JRGJP	12e RBC
CFN	Boutelier	GE	LdSH(RC)
CFN	Breen	DG	2 RCR
TPR	Brown	B	CFB Halifax
TPR	Carroll	EM	LdSH(RC)
CFN	Carroll	HB	2 Fd Sqn
CFN	Charland	JLPM	NWE
TPR	Connon	RN	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Correy	MJ	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Cooper	JL	LdSH(RC)
CFN	Covey	BA	4 Fd Wksp
TPR	Decoste	JA	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Dicks	SM	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Davenport	LH	LdSH(RC)
CFN	Gamble	HS	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Garon	JJR	12e RBC
TPR	Goddard	EA	CFB Halifax
TPR	Hannah	PE	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Hirtle	CF	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Howard	JS	12e RBC
CFN	Jack	LW	4 Fd Wksp
TPR	Laroque	RP	12e RBC
TPR	Morgan	RL	LdSH(RC)
TPR	MacIsaac	JR	LdSH(RC)



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## POSTINGS OUT CON'T

TPR	MacLean	JDA	LdSH(RC)
SIG	McCormack	RC	3 Sigs Sqn
TPR	MacKenzie	GS	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Mingo	DG	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Morgan	AE	3 Svc Bn
TPR	Morton	BH	LdSH(RC)
PTE	Naish	JD	3 Svc Bn
TPR	Nickerson	WL	CFB Halifax
SIG	Pichette	JHQA	5e TDC
TPR	Patenaude	GE	LdSH(RC)
TPR	Perry	GA	LdSH(RC)
CFN	Pitt	WB	4 Pd Wksp
SIG	Pottle	SA	3 Sigs Sqn
CFN	Power	JP	2 RCHA
CFN	Riel	KE	1 RCR
TPR	Rodgers	WJ	LdSH(RC)
CFN	Roddick	GR	3 Sigs Sqn
TPR	Tremblay	YJF	12e RBC

## RELEASES

The following personnel have been released from the Canadian Armed Forces:

CAPT	JA	Jackson	TPR	Giroux	BA
SGT	Blanchard	I	TPR	Greenlund	GW
SGT	Lafontaine	LJ	TPR	Hodgson	JR
SGT	Shrigby	CL	TPR	Husson	DJ
SGT	White	DC	TPR	King	BC
CPL	Beyea	RD	TPR	Lane	WE
CPL	Douthwaite	HR	TPR	Main	WR
CPL	Drysdale	MJ	CFN	Martino	JR
CPL	MacPherson	D	TPR	McCarron	SW
CPL	MacNeil	AR	TPR	MacAuley	JR
CPL	Morris	EW	TPR	McLean	MG
CPL	Munroe	EJ	TPR	Neal	DC
LCPL	Kruk	AK	TPR	Strzechowski	WE
TPR	Chaisson	TE	TPR	Ueberschlager	GL
TPR	Crowler	PA	TPR	Walker	ME
TPR	Gargan	LP			

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Mr. Hedley Allingham  
Mr. J. Allison  
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